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As we open to the first page of this yearbook, we open to the beginning of a new year as seen through our eyes. A new year, jam packed with amazing memories to hold tight in our hearts and souls for eternity. This is where our adolescence slowly fades and we develop into mature and unique adults. From the first time a girl pins a boutonniere on her prom date's tuxedo, to the amazing feeling of winning another football game on a brisk October night, even to the feeling of finally receiving an 'A' on the math test we studied for until one in the morning, this is where memories are made. Right now we hold in our hands a book all about us, a book full of our accomplishments and all of the goals that we have set for ourselves, a book that we will



Anthony Shoun gets covered with whipped cream during the icebreakers at Freshman FUNdamentals, but smiles through it all.



Coach Allison Cianci gives her soccer team a pep talk before an important game to help the girls prepare.



The girls cross country team is all smiles after their hard work paid off, earning them a first place finish at Sectional.



Jackie Duncan reads a book during lunch, ignoring all of the commotion around her, something LHS students are experts at due to the 'open concept.'



Amanda Vassar focuses on playing her piano at the Battle of the Bands held at Lowell High School.





Daniel Lang relaxes outdoors after a long, hard day at school. His smile proves that all of our hard work is worth it in the end.

Through



Jayson Martin and Eric Holley run as fast as they can in a race for the cross country finish line. Both were very important leaders of the team.



Mary Erpelding and Alysha Tomlins goof around in Student Council study hall. Although study hall is a place to, well, study, relaxing and fun were also sometimes in the mix.



Jill Bourrell and Amanda Gasparovic laugh in the sun as they watch the football team practice.

Our Eyes

still be reading years from now as we laugh and cry about all of the experiences we had in this moment in time. All of the choices and decisions we made in this single year have somehow have changed each and every one of our lives in some significant way. Friendships will be made, and some will be lost. Hearts will be broken, only to be mended again. All of this will be forever printed in this story of us. So as we flip through the pages of another year of our lives, the fantastic stories and vivid snapshots reveal those special times that only we can look back on and smile at with soft sighs. This is 2001-2002 as seen through our eyes.



Bob Basso tunes his guitar before the band 'Mister Linzy' walks on stage at the Battle of the Bands and walks off with the win.

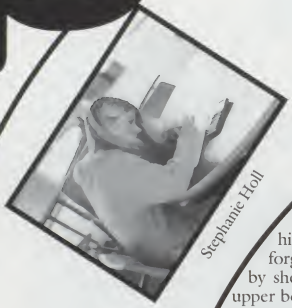


The LHS band practices for one of their many wonderful performances. The members' hard work showed through in the music they made.

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Teresa Lenzo, Jessica Lukasik, Rachel Wielgos, Rachel Huseman, Rya Nord, Jill Porento, Caroline Parlac and Jennyfer Jansky



Stephanie Holl

Life at Lowell High School for many is full of a variety of events and activities. From Homecoming and Junior Miss to Battle of the Bands and Commencement, life is never boring for a high school student. How could you ever forget Anthony Shoun exuding school spirit by shedding his shirt and exposing his entire upper body painted in school colors? Or possibly is it painting your sign and decorating your name tags for Freshman FUNdamentals that will forever hold

"Battle of the Bands is a great opportunity for students who usually don't get involved to get more involved in high school."
-Amy Conn

"The best activity we do during the year is Freshman FUNdamentals. I am so glad I was able to be a senior leader."
-Sarah Thompson

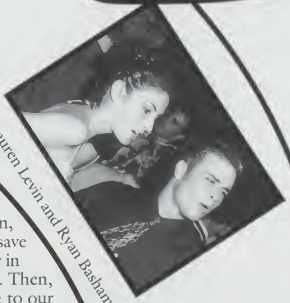
"Being a senior is great. There is so much to look forward to." - Dan Blaskovich

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Sarah Bult

a special place
in your memories.
Regardless of your grade,
there are always special events
to look forward to every year and
activities that fit every life style.
Other students will always remember
their first job at McDonalds, Lovin' Oven,
KFC or Wilco. Whether you worked to save
money for your first car or your first year in
college, first jobs will never be forgotten. Then,
at the end of every year, we say goodbye to our
seniors and wish them the best.



Lauren Levin and Ryan Basham

"Homecoming was a blast, especially since I got to sit on the spirit couch." -Ashley Greene

"Junior Miss was a lot of fun and allowed me to make new friends for my last year here."
-Heather Rosenwinkel

"Graduation was incredible! I was so nervous, but it ended up being really great. Everyone was so excited and the senior video was so funny."
-Debby Pioth

Fun in the Summer Sun...

Summer time for many high schoolers is a time for relaxing and hanging out with friends. Sometimes people travel the world but on the other hand, there are always those lucky few who get to spend their summers working. This summer there were two LHS students who traveled abroad on the IU summer honors progam. Burger King was the big hangout in Lowell, but if you really wanted to have some fun you went to Merrillville, Schererville, or Chicago because that is where all the action is. Some big summer hot spots were Six Flags Great America, Hanging out in Chicago, Deep River Water Park, The Lake County Fair just to name a few. Maybe these could be ideas for next summer.

by Brandie Olivotto



Nathan Long and Renee Deruntz put their heads together for an amusing day at Six Flags in Gurnee, Illinois.



Summer birthdays are always more fun, just ask Jenn Jansky, Chrissy Talarek,and Danielle Daniluk.



Closer to home Brandie Olivotto and CourtneyLanham celebrate the 4th of July outside at Brandie's house.

Amanda Smith and Michelle Smith traveled all the way to Universal Studios in California to look for Mr. Right.



Celebrating the 4th of July at Grant Park in Chicago, Illinois, Kristi Flatt, Kim Sypulski, Diana Craven, and Steffy Sims watch the fireworks.





Katie McQuiston, Lynette Kregel, Nicole Cummins, and Megan Steuer, hang out at the Porter County Fair.



Debra Ballas and Whitney Castle having a blast riding the Falling Star at Indiana Beach.



Looking for a great summer time adventure, Amanda Bright searches all over Adventure Land.



Hanging out in the sun while tubing on Lake Dale, Renee Deruntz and Amanda Bright bask in the warm summer sun.

Speak UP!

Where did you go on vacation?



"I rode my dirtbike and hung out with my friends."
Joe Vandercar



"I went to Disney World in Orlando."
Amanda Bright



"I went on a 14 day excurison to Maine with the McQuiston's."
Lynette Kregel



"I went to Cedar Point with Sara Bruce. It was a lot of fun."
Hania Nammari

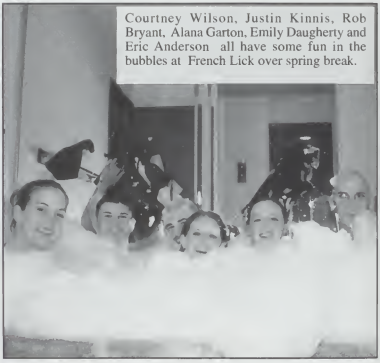
Party Time Spring Break 2002



Picking out the last part of his outfit at Blizzard Beach Waterpark, Rusty Ramstrom has a hard time deciding on the shorts. Red and blue stars, or yellow stripes?

Spring Break is a time for most students to go south, perhaps somewhere tropical, which many students did. Some students went to Florida, while another group of students went on a Holland American Cruise to Grand Cayman, Ochos Rios, and Cozumel. The band went to Walt Disney World in Orlando to perform in Magical Music Days at Tommorrowland in Magic Kingdom. A couple of students even went to Colorado in search of snow, but most students went south in search of fun in the sun. After their spring break experiences this year, many LHS students agree that spring break should at least be two weeks long.

by Brandice Olivotto



Courtney Wilson, Justin Kinnis, Rob Bryant, Alana Garton, Emily Daugherty and Eric Anderson all have some fun in the bubbles at French Lick over spring break.



While on their cruise in the Carribean, Jenanne Walk, Teresa Lenzo and Jessica Lukasik decide to brave the wild Dunns River Falls in Ochos Rios, Jamaica.

Sarah Straughen and Rusty Ramstrom tour Epcot while on their spring break adventure with the band at Disney World.



Out in the Field



"Love is all around" at The Field Museum; Just ask Tim Simmons and Rob Bryant.



Debra Ballas hangs out with some of her prehistoric friends at The Field Museum during the Themes in Literature field trip.

Field Trips are hard to come by once you hit high school , but it seems that this year more and more teachers were taking their students on field trips to allow them to experience something more than the classroom atmosphere can provide. Debra Casey's Creative Writing classes visited Fieler Elementary School to write children's books with the students. Mary Cusic's Technical Writing classes went to the Dunes to write a brochure about the environmental programs. The yearbook staff went to Valparaiso University for a journalism workshop, and Sarah Harger took the newspaper staff to Chicago's Union Station to view a special 9/11 photo exhibit. The Humanities I class went on a walking tour of Chicago to study architecture. Joe Gianotti and Megan Iussig took the Academic Decathlon team to downtown Chicago for the day to study before their big competition, and the freshman honors English classes went to the Chicago Shakespeare Theater to see *A Midsummer Night's Dream.*

by Brandice Olivotto



Rya Nord is reading her childrens book "How Will You Be?"



Mary Cusic's second semester Technical Writing classes get first hand experience on their field trip to the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore in Gary.

Speak UP!

What was your favorite out-of-school event this year?



"When all of the bands went to Disney World over spring break..."

Rusty Ramstrom



"I really enjoyed going to see Romeo and Juliet at the Shakespeare Theater."

Debby Pioth



"I enjoyed going to work with the kids at Fieler for Creative Writing."

Andrea Warzak

Freshman "FUN"damentals

Freshman FUNdamentals has become a tradition at Lowell High School, starting in 1995 when teachers Meagan Iussig and Margaret Hurt wanted to begin a program that would allow the freshmen to become better acquainted with their new home. Later down the road, Sherry Peters joined in on the planning. This fall, Freshman FUNdamentals was led by Iussig, Jennifer Vavrek and Sarah Harger and ran as smoothly as ever. At the end of the previous school year, senior leaders and chairpersons were chosen. They met periodically over the summer and into the new school year. All the hard work paid off September 7, when the entire freshman class entered the multi purpose room in search of their groups, with names such as "Peaches and Cream" and "The Powerpuff Girls." The day began with a few icebreakers and ended with everyone gathered for a closing session. Inbetween there were field games, inspirational guest speakers, and yes, the free food. The freshmen also had the opportunity to gather information and try out different clubs, sports and activities offered here at Lowell High School during a "scavenger hunt."

by Jessica Elliott



Senior leader Steven Rust and freshman Wendy Strickhorn formed an immediate bond when they got all wrapped up during the opening session.



Freshmen Jackie McCrary, Samantha Schmidlin, Amanda Jung, and Lindsay Schane enjoy the picnic, organized by Mary Cusic and Kevin Garling and provided by the freshmen parents

GUEST SPEAKERS

LHS alumna Nikki Pulley, class of '99, motivates the class of 2005 to be organized and involved throughout their high school and college careers. The 1999 Lowell Junior Miss served as a keynote speaker for Freshmen FUNdementals.

Dave Huseman, a 2000 graduate of LHS, encourages the newest Red Devils to be themselves and make the most of their high school years. Huseman reached the Class 4A Semi-State Football championship game as a receiver and a defensive back.









Jessica Cooper and Meredith Cusic pour water on freshman Bobby Ballas while playing one of the field games. Jessica and Meredith were senior leaders for The Pink Elephants group this year.

Freshman Josh Rowe scrambles for a bite of the dangling doughnut during an afternoon of Freshmen FUNdamentals field games. The games were held to encourage teamwork and cap off the day with some FUN.

The object of the game is to pour the water into the bottle, but it didnt work out that way for freshman Jessica Neal. The afternoon field games put the "fun" in Freshmen FUNdementals.

Freshman Nikki Vespar (below) has trouble as she searches for a jellybean during an icebreaker.

People to people, freshmen Vicky Hathaway and Amy Denton (second photo below) get tangled up during the opening session.







Speak UP!

What did you think of Freshmen FUNdementals?



"Freshmen FUNdamentals was fun and very beneficial."

Nick Sciackitano



"I thought Freshmen FUNdementals was a FUN experience, especially being with Alexis Wolters and Sarah Thompson and meeting new freshmen."

Hania Nammari



"Freshmen FUNdamentals was a great experience for me and helped me get a better idea of our school. Also, my leaders, Luke Lukasik and Tyler Reed, made it even better!"

Tania Nammari

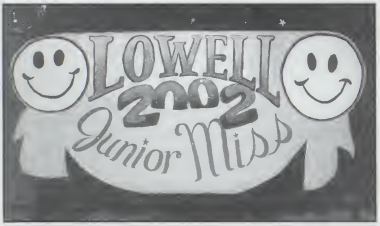
Junior Miss 2002



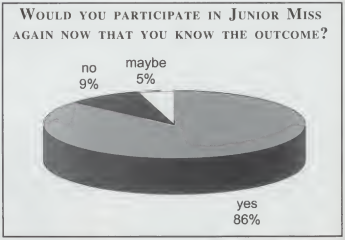
As part of the fitness routine portion of the show, the girls perform a sixteen-count segment on stage by themselves. Jessica Cooper smiles and shows off her moves.

The mission of Junior Miss is to foster the educational goals of college-bound senior girls. The program exists to recognize and reward young women who have distinguished themselves at school and in their community with educational scholarships to college-bound senior girls. This year Lowell's Junior Miss gave out a total of $ 9,050.00 in scholarship money.

by Debra Ballas



Decorations hung up around the Little Theatre to reflect the Retro 70's theme.



HAVING FUN

Junior Miss is not just practice a bunch and perform once. The girls did many fun things too, like riding in convertables during the Lowell Labor Day Parade. Megan Schoon, Heather Rosenwinkel and Ashley Jurs waved to all the people sitting along side the road.





One of the fun things the Junior Miss Candidates did was get their hair, nails, and make-up done by each other at Uptown Stylists. After everyone was beautiful, some of the girls decided to go to the movies all done up and in formal gowns. (top) Megan Schoon, Andrea Warzak, Angela Parkhill, Jenn Jansky, Teresa Lenzo, Danielle Daniluk, Rya Nord, Rachel Huseman, (front) Nicole Haupert, Caroline Parilac, and Rosa Salazar.

Poise is at the start of the program. The girls wear formal gowns and show off their grace. (top)

After the 15 minute intermission, the girls performed an energetic fitness routine non-stop for 17 minutes. Debra Ballas slapped hands with her partner, Stefanie Ball.(bottom)





All of this year's Junior Miss contestants said that they would recommend senior girls participate in Junior Miss.

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2002 Junior Miss Contestants

1 Debra Ballas	15 Rya Nord
3 Katrina Csepiga	17 Angela Parkhill
5 Ashlee Davis	19 Heather Rosenwinkel
7 Nicole Haupert	21 Megan Schoon
9 Rachel Huseman	23 Danielle Stovall
11 Ashley Jurs	25 Andrea Warzak
13 Teresa Lenzo	27 Alexis Wolters

Lowell's 2002 Junior Miss

1st Runner-Up

2nd Runner-Up

3rd Runner-Up

4th Runner-Up

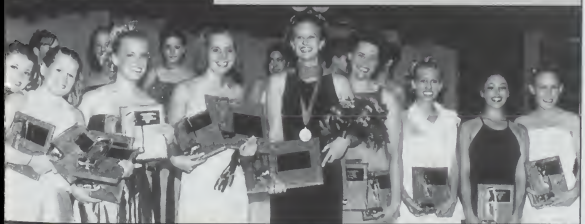
Spirit of Junior Miss

Poise **Talent**

Interview

Fitness **Scholastics**

Top Raffle Ticket Sales



Award winners in the Lowell Junior Miss 2002 program. Danielle Daniluk, Debra Ballas, Katrina Csepiga, Jesica Pillar, Megan Schoon, Heather Rosenwinkel, Jesse Hubert, Ashlee Davis and Ashley Jurs.

Speak UP!

What is the moment you will remember most?

"...being at the sleepover, talking with Debra Ballas, Ashley Jurs, and Courtney Lanham. They were very cool and we talked all night. We talked about all sorts of things and didn't judge each other."

Misty Moore

"...when Stefanie Ball and Debra Ballas fell while bowling."

Becky Einsweiler

"...going to the movies all dressed up."

Rosa Salazar

"...the slumber party and the parade."

Angela Parkhill

Midnight Masquerade

The Homecoming Dance was a blast. The dance floor was filled with friendly couples swaying to the "best DJ service so far," as senior Beth Curtis said. Any controversy over two people from two different couples winning king and queen was soon forgotten at the dance where everyone just had a memorable night with their friends.

by Lindsay Peddy

King and Queen, Bob Basso and Ashlee Davis, reign over the dance.





Senior Jessica Klidaras strikes a pose while heading for the dance floor.



Senior Zack Bubness watches as senior Tim McHugh works his moves.



Longtime senior couple, Ronnie Hatch and Misty Moore, shake their "groove thangs."



Senior Nick Sciackitano and exchange student Betta Rusconi are all smiles for the camera.

SPIRIT WEEK

Sophomores Kate Sciackitano and Rachel Voss show who their favorite superheros are.

Seniors Caroline Parilac, Teresa Lenzo, and Jackie Duncan get all snazzed up for Flashback Day.

Senior Anthony Shoun bears some spirit-colored skin at the game while exciting the crowd.









The 200 Blaskovic former Kin Davis, Jaso son) and

Senior Cody VanDeursen, #22, tries to escape the tackle by KV's #44.

The Homecoming Game was a success. In the "Clash For The Can," Lowell once again beat KV 21-6. After the game was won, we were ready to celebrate as a school the next day at the Homecoming Dance.



The LHS Marching Band playing at half time.



Laughing it up in the picture line are freshmen Christine Midkiff and Nathan Mills.





Homecoming court: Bob Ballas and Kim Clement, Justin Bales and Katie McQuiston, Dan (standing in for Brandon Verkler) and Cori Cartwright, Joey Vandercar and Kim Sypulski, and Queen Chris Kimbrell and Katie Arnold, new King and Queen Bobby Basso and Ashlee Butchart (Jess Lukasik's escort) and Jessica Lukasik, John Kuiper (standing in for Sean Anderson) Jessica Cooper, and Jason Corns and Jennifer Lenzo.

Speak UP!

The best thing about the dance was...



"..dancing with random people and their brothers."
freshman Katie Qualizza



"...acting wild and crazy with my friends."
sophomore Chris Rosevear



"..going out to dinner with Jessica Cooper."
junior Amanda Gasparovic



"..slow dancing with Meredith Cusic."
senior Eric Holley

Fall Musical

"Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat"

The stage is set, the lights are out, and the band begins to play. The audience is quiet and ready for the show. This was what is was like at the beginning of opening night in front of a sold-out audience. The pyramids are up, the chariot awaits, and the actors are all backstage. The actors are determined to put on a great show. The cast of 'Joseph' was a cast of twenty-six under the direction of Jeff Wein. The students sang and danced to popular songs such as "Go Go Go Joseph", "One More Angel in Heaven", "Jacob and Sons", "Any Dream Will Do", "Canaan Days", and "Benjamin Calypso." 'Joseph' was such a huge success in the community.

by Rusty Ramstrom



Nikki Eaton puts the finishing touches on Erin Aquino.The actors did each others' make-up the majority of the time. Nikki and Erin both played wives in 'Joseph'.

Getting ready for the stage, Dan DeVries gets the make-up treatment. Dan played Joseph in the musical.



Megan Schoon sits patiently while getting her curls. Besides getting ready backstage, Megan and her friends loved to dance and sing to get psyched up for the show.



BEHIND THE SCENES



Sorting costumes and organizing the props is a hard job. Sarah Martin and Dana Stewart made this possible by being on the prop crew.



Jon Newton was one of the seven musicians who made 'Joseph' such a great show. Jon played the guitar.

Crew and band are two of the main 'behind the scenes' jobs. The seven-piece band was led and conducted by Tim Kovarik. Every night the crew helped put the production together. These people made 'Joseph' possible with all their hard work.

Katie Eich and Nicki Vesper are part of the prop crew. Nicki, wearing her headset, was also the production manager.





Courtney Lanham tells the story as Narrator.



The cast takes one last photo on closing night. They all were enthused that the show found such great success within the community.

Narrator	Courtney Lanham
Joseph	Dan DeVries
Pharaoh/Simian	Nick Collom
Jacob/Potiphar/ Ishmaelite	Anthony Shoun
Butler/Judah	Rusty Ramstrom
Baker/Naphtali	Donald Torres
Reuben	Mike Kostelnik
Levi	Steve Yeagley
Issachar	Jordan Graegin
Asher	Dustyne Gales
Dan	Janet Snyder
Zebulun	Gary Kirk
Gad	Lyle Crabb
Benjamin	Daniel Sutton
Guard	Daniel Lang
Potiphar's Wife/ Wife	Megan Doffin
Wife/Ishmaelite	Erin Aquino
Wife	Nikki Eaton
Wife	Amber Corey
Wife/Ishmaelite	Natalie Oliverio
Wife	Ashley Comstock
Wife	Wieneke Van Rens
Wife	Shelley Hardesty
Wife	Beth Benecki
Wife	Megan Schoon
Wife	Denita Weeks

Dan DeVries, Nikki Eaton,Erin Aquino,and Natalie Oliverio show off their costumes from the "Benjamin Calypso" number.



Director Jeff Wein warms up the group before a performance.

Common phrases he used to get the group motivated were "Commit" and "Move with a purpose!"

Amber Corey and Rusty Ramstrom embrace for a "good luck" hug backstage a few minutes before their opening performance.



Speak UP!

"Joseph" was a success because...



"The cast of Joseph made the whole show such a success!"
Wieneke Van Rens



"This was an amazing experience, I will never forget the great cast!"
Amber Corey



"I had a great time playing Pharaoh in the musical, I am glad I had this experience."
Nick Collom



"There I was standing in front of a vine. I will never forget how much fun I had with you all!" **Rusty Ramstrom**

With a smile on his face, Nole Schuyler is gettin' down.

James Jared takes a breather between notes.

The boys in Mister Linzy, Joe Hoch and Bob Basso, are seen here doing it to it.









The Bradley Report's Jason Fredricks plays his guitar with a high level of enthusiasm.

Battle of the Bands

On March 9, 2002 the second annual Battle of the Bands was fought out. The battle ground: Lowell High School. The competition: Slitzero, In the Clear, Abandoned Hope, Nothing, Mister Linzy, Loakin, Fiddler in the Juice, and Misconception. After the competing bands, Kolobos played during the judging. The whole program was sponsored by Student Council and organized by Heather Rosenwinkel. All money went to the Riley Hospital for Children. The winners were: first place, Mister Linzy; second place, Loakin; third place, Fiddler in the Juice.



Luke Smolik presses the ivory keys and Chris Peart the singing fool, throws down Slitzero style.









Chris Plant rocks the old six-stringer.

In The Clear plays their unique style of music.

Covered in sweat, Ryan Kasparian hits the low note.

Speak UP!

What did you think of the Battle of the Bands?



"I had a really good time,it is really cool that we had such a variety."
Katie Sullivan



"The bands I liked best were Slitzero, Kolobos, and Loakin."
Dave Tanasejevich



"I was actually impressed by the bands!"
Wieneke Van Rens



"I had a wonderful time at the show."
Rachel Sanders

Winter Formal & Sadies

Winter Formal was a great success for the sophomore class student council. Everyone had a magnificent time dancing the night away. It was decorated majestically with ice castles. It truly did look like a winter wonderland. Jess Lukasik and Ryan Kersey were voted Suzie Snowflake and Jack Frost. Neon Nights was the theme of Sadies this year. This year the student council provided glow necklaces for the students, which everyone enjoyed greatly. Marriage ceremonies were performed yet again by Mr.Gianotti. As a whole, the dances this year proved to be exceptional and will be held with fond memories.

-Jenn Jansky & Jessica Cooper

Junior Bill Mitchell and date take a moment to smile for the camera.





Junior Ashleigh Day strikes a pose at Sadies.



Senior Betta Rusconi sings to her date, Junior George Politakis, at Sadies.



Sophomores Nick Falcone and Danielle Equihua laugh together during a slow song at Winter Formal.



After a long night of dancing Juniors Emily Daugherty and Courtney Wilson stop to take a picture.



McKensey Wietbrock, Natalie Hanas, Kate Sciackitano, Kristin Baker, Rachel Voss, and Megan Baker get away from their dates and take a picture.



Junior Jill Bourrell and Senior Shane Crowley get close during a slow dance at Winter Formal.

Speak Up!

The best things about the dances were...



Seniors Dave Bruckman, Jason Butchart, and Tyler Reed show off their "hot" moves at Winter Formal.



"I had the best time at Sadies...I went with my girls Ashley and Shannon."

senior Ashlee Davis



"I thought it was lots of fun, and I really liked the theme and music."

junior Alyson Gross



"I had a really great time at Winter Formal."

freshman Alyssa Lukasik



"My date Steve would have to be the best thing about the dance!"

senior Caroline Vaandrager



A group of sophomores seem to be having a great time at the Sadies dance.



Showing their grins at Winter Formal were sophomores Mackenzie Bales and Chris Marzotto.



Junior Donna Conley gets "married" to senior Matt Block at the Sadies dance.



Sophomore Sidney Schuttrow and junior Lenny Gumienny get close during Winter Formal.

Spring Play

"Androcles and the Lion" was a new and different play for Lowell High School Drama Club to perform. The play was very successful in drawing in an audience. A new director, Hallie Apple, brought the group together again to put on an awesome show. The show had a cast of twenty-four awesome perfomers. The show was a tragedy, a comedy, a love story, and a great moral all in one.

by Rusty Ramstrom

"Androcles and the Lion"



The Christians opened the show with music. They sang "The Strife is O'er," "When the Saints Go Marching In," and "In the Jungle."

Zach Wright seeks the approval of the audience as the emperor of Rome. Wright shaved his head in dedication to this play.





Mike Kostelnik plays the part of a drunk Christian. He got many laughs out of the audience with his flask.

Lavinia waits for her Captain to come on a bench just outside the Colisseum. Ashley Comstock played the calm, yet courageous, Lavinia.





The lion sleeps tonight as Nikki Eaton put on a very 'fur'ocious show.

Miss Hallie Apple was the director for 'Androcles'. She spread mulch on the theatre floor for the show.





Steve Yeagley (Androcles) and Nikki Eaton (Lion) dance The Waltz in act one.

Androcles	Steve Yeagley
Lion	Nikki Eaton
Captain	Rusty Ramstrom
Lavinia	Ashley Comstock
Emperor	Zach Wright
Ferrovius	Josh Razavi
Megaera	Beth Benecki
Spintho	Mike Kostelnik
Centurion	Nick Collom
Editor	Abby Sutton
Metulus	Jason Nichols
Lentulus	Jordan Graegin
Secutor	Gary Kirk
Retarius	Lyle Crabb
Keeper	Janet Snyder
Ox Driver	Daniel Lang
Call Boy	Kyle Yung
Christian	Amber Corey
Christian	Erin Aquino
Christian	Weineke Van Rens
Christian	Kim Clement
Christian	Katie Eich
Christian	Dustyne Gales
Christian	Natalie Oliverio

Nick Collom, the Centurion, gives orders to the doomed Christians.





Ashley Comstock (Lavinia) and Rusty Ramstrom (Captain) portray a couple in love.

The mighty Ferrovius (Josh Razavi) beat up the weak, but vocal, Lentulus (Jordan Graegin).

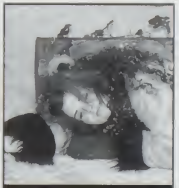


What did you like about your character in this play?



"I loved playing the role of Androcles, it was a very fun last play here at LHS!"
Steve Yeagley





"I felt like a moron playing the Lion, but it was neat to get a lead role as a freshman!"
Nikki Eaton

Prom 2002

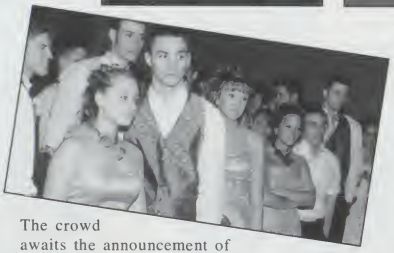
"I'll Stand By You."



Seniors Ronnie Hatch and Misty Moore dance for the first time as the new 2002 Prom King and Queen.

This year's Junior/Senior Prom was held in the Celebrity Ballroom at the Radisson Hotel and Star Plaza. The theme was "I'll Stand By You." The price of the tickets was $35 a person, or $60 a couple. Pictures started at 5:00pm and continued throughout the rest of the night. Dinner was served at 6:00pm, and consisted of a salad, chicken, green beans, mashed potatoes, and was finished off with a piece of cheese cake. Dinner continued until the dancing started at 7:00pm. The dance ended at 11:00pm.

by Alana Garton



The crowd awaits the announcement of their new prom king and queen.



Senior Kristi Flatt and her date, graduate Hank Beeson, gaze into each other's eyes while dancing the night away.

After Prom

1. Junior Laurel Swart and Senior Derek Hoots hang out at a post prom party at Jason Quanstrom's house.

2.Seniors Justin Kinnis, Craig Kierzek, Eric Anderson, Kevin Zwiers, and Will Taylor watch their video from earlier that night.

3. Seniors Meredith Cusic and Debra Ballas hang out with their waiter from the Chicago restaurant "Ed Debevic's."



1.



2.



3.

Senior Danny Paciorek dances with his date, junior Nicole Cummins.



Senior Jason Quanstrom holds the limbo stick, and his cane, while senior Debra Ballas attempts to make it under.





Junior Maggie Hardwick and graduate Chris Hampton have a great time at the dance.

Prom Court

**King Ronnie Hatch and Queen Misty Moore*
**Ryan Kersey and Jess Lukasik*
**Brandon Verkler and Cori Cartwright*
**Brian Sciackitano and escort Jesica Pillar*
**Rachel Huseman and escort Will Taylor*
**Bob Basso and escort Jessica Yates*
**Ashlee Davis and escort Adam Sutton*



Juniors Laurel Swart and Emily Daugherty, senior Alana Garton, and junior Courtney Wilson take a break from their dates to have one last dance together.

Speak UP!

What will you remember the most from this year's prom?



"Having fun with all of the seniors one last time."
senior Tyler Reed



"Being with close friends and having a last dance with everyone."
senior Hania Nammari

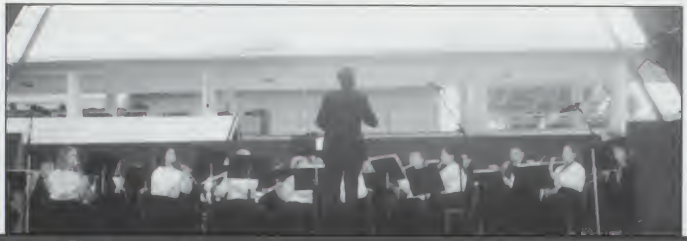


"Hanging out and dancing with all of my friends."
senior Rob Bryant



"My favorite part of prom was the ride up there and the ride back."
senior Ashlee Davis

Performances



LHS band performs at Disney World

After travelling 18 hours in a charter bus, the band finally got to Florida. The LHS band played at Disney's Magic Music Days. On March 26, the band performed a variety of selections on the Tomorrowland stage in The Magic Kingdom. In addition to performing, the group also visited a number of attractions, such as Epcot, Animal Kingdom, Arabian Nights, Blizzard Beach and many more sight-seeing locations.



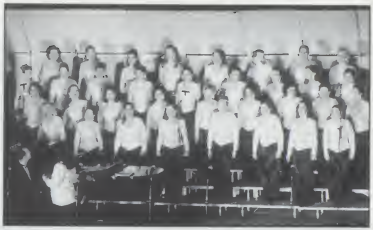


City Lights: Showcase 2002

Showcase 2002 was brought to life with a little piece of New York, Chicago, Miami, Nashville, and other cities. With the theme 'City Lights', the five high school choirs lit up the stage with their amazing talent. The choirs kept the showcase tradition alive by selling out both nights. May 15 and 17 were their chance to shine in this city's spotlight.



The Purdue Varsity Glee Club put on a very inspirational performance under the direction of showman Brian Breed.



The Purduettes gave a beautiful and enjoyable performance under the direction of Ly Tartell.



Mr. Andy Anderson speaks to the crowd, introducing the next group to take the stage.

The Purduettes and the PU Glee Club joined the LHS choirs in a few numbers as a grand finale.



The combined choirs sing their hearts out to the packed gymnasium.



Purduettes and Purdue Varsity Glee Club Come to LHS

Many students of Purdue University were greeted with open arms March 21 as they entered the front doors of Lowell High School. The five high school choirs formed a human tunnel, cheered and applauded, making the college students grin from ear to ear. Todd Walroth and Amanda Swank were the stars of the show as LHS alumni. The show started off with the Purduettes giving a breathtaking performance of song and dance leading into the Varsity Glee Club set. The group sang and performed many skits to get the crowd excited and tearful with their amazing harmony. The show ended with the high school choirs joining both PU groups to sing, "God Bless America", "Seize The Day", "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" and "One Small Voice."

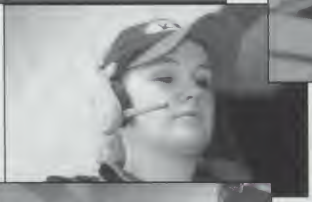
Student Life

Not every student at Lowell High School is an athlete or in a club. Some of them have jobs or do things that aren't normally recognized in the yearbook. Students succeed in school and also make time to work and/or play extreme sports. Some students work, play sports at school and achieve good grades. Many students need to have a job in order to pay for a car, pay insurance, have fun in their free time, save for college, and some even help support their family. These students may not be in extracurricular activities in school, but they are still active in the community.

by Tim McHugh



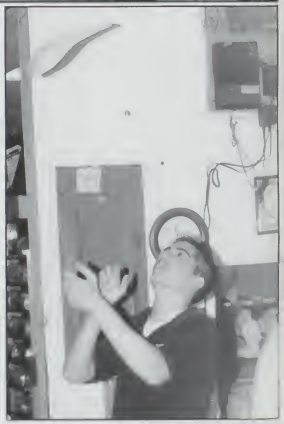
Ron Hatch stocks the shelves at Wilco Foods. "Wilco is not bad, I make good money and get good hours, but it is hard work."



Kristin Scott takes an order at Kentucky Fried Chicken. Scott plays two sports and achieves great grades.



Jordan Graegin throws down some fried goods at McDonald's. "McDonald's is a fun place to work."



Danny Paciorek hand tosses pizza dough at Zuni's Restaurant. "It's not the best job, but I like it and I make good money."

Tim Simmons makes a great Whopper at Burger King. "The food is better when you do not make it."



Justin Henley takes inventory at the new coffee house The Last Drop. "I think that the coffee house will be a great success."



Here are some students who participate in non-school related extreme sports in their free time.





Lloyd Besaw lands a difficult "abubaca." "Biking is way underrated."

Dave Bloch rides up the ramp into a "heel tap." "Frogs are green."



Shane Chesner pulls a mid-air "tail whip." "Biking takes a lot of skill and determination and I don't think many people realize that."

Speak UP!

What do you like to do after school and on the weekends?



"I work, play sports, and hang out with my friends."
Abby Ellis



"I work, drive around, shop and hang out with my friends."
Charlie Wilkerson



"I chill with my friends or work!"
Ryan Lappie



"I get a snack like a cheese sandwich, play video games & go to work."
Joe Hoch

Career Day

With extensive planning by many members of the high school teaching staff, Career Day was a huge success this year. The day was filled with many exciting events, starting with a group session in the main gym with speaker Jeff Yalden. Next, the students attended thirty-minute career sessions presented by hundreds of speakers from different occupations around the area. In the middle of the day, the students were rewarded with a break from classes to enjoy walking around the theatre, South Commons and front lawn where they could look at booths filled with information and many free goodies. Another break session was held in the main gym, where a concert was held by Lowell's winner of the Battle of the Bands, Mister Linzy. The third break session was a 1950's diner theme lunch in the multi purpose room. After two more career sessions, the day ended in a final group session with motivational speaker Brett Eastburn, who said, "You are only 'handicapped' if you choose to be!" The day ended, sending the message that students can make something of their lives if they choose to, and that they all hold the power to accomplish any of their goals, no matter how large or small they may be.

by Rya Nord



Ms. Deb Casey and Mrs. Sue McQuiston working hard at the front desk. The teachers were part of the Career Day Steering Committee.

Desiree Dandurand, Jenny Dowling and Emily Huber visit the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore exhibit. Exhibits were located in the South Commons, Little Theatre area, and on the school's front lawn.

Aimee Sunny stops to talk to Rob Bryant as he takes a break before introducing his speaker for the next class session. Bryant was one of the ninety hosts during the day.

Nick Parente makes some noise in the gymnasium as the band 'Mister Linzy' performs for students. The band was also the winner in the Battle of the Bands earlier in the year.

Speakers And Exhibitors In Action



1. Among the many table exhibits, a fencing demonstration in the Little Theatre creates an exciting performance; 2. Christopher McBrien talks to students about painting and pottery as he holds up a piece of artwork; 3. Natalie Shadowen speaks about being a middle school teacher; 4. A U.S. Marine hosted push-up contests for interested students; 5. EMT/Paramedic Mark Reid speaks about his daily routine of attempting to save lives; 6. Video and film producer Todd Pflughoeft speaks with Luke Smolik about the film industry; 7. A visiting Merrillville student is given a painted tattoo by the clown exhibit's sponsor, Alane Walk.

Speak UP!

What was your favorite part of Career Day?



"I loved the guest speakers. They were all very inspirational and their speeches were very good."

Jenifer Pillar

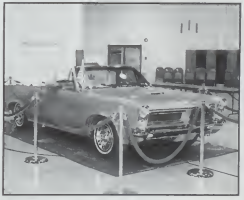


"I loved the first keynote speaker. His story was so amazing, he even made me cry."

Jennyfer Jansky

LUNCH AT a DINER

Lunch was served in the multi-purpose room, which was magically transformed into a 1950's diner. Lunch consisted of the student's choice of a cheeseburger, chicken patty, or corn dog, along with either onion rings or french fries and sherbet or ice cream. While the students sat next to a vintage car placed in the center of the room, an old-fashioned movie was shown, as if the students were in Lowell High School's own little drive-in.



A vintage convertible centered the multi-purpose room, transformed into a 1950's diner for lunch.

Brett Eastburn, the closing speaker, proudly shows students the picture of Garfield that he drew during his session. Eastburn drew the picture even though he has no arms or legs.



Sesquicentennial

Happy 150th Birthday, Lowell!

Lowell celebates 150 years this summer. Founded in 1852 by Melvin Halsted, Lowell had its small beginnings with a flour mill, church and school, as well as Halsted's house which still stands today. Lowell celebrates its past throughout the year, such as with the oldest Labor Day Parade in Indiana, Oktoberfest and Buckley Homestead Days. This year will be even better to celebrate the 150th year of our small town. Festivities have been planned for years now, promising one of the best celebrations Lowell has ever seen.

by Jenifer Pillar





Ad announcing the first Cobe Cup race, the forerunner of the Indy 500.



Founder of Lowell – Melvin Halsted



Belanger's Special





Calendar of Events

Historical Weekend- August 2-4

- Historical Home Tours
- Ice Cream Social
- Halsted House Opening
- Quilt Unveiling
- Costume Ball
- Civil War Reenactment
- School Plaque Dedication
- Musical Presentations
- Lighting of the 150th Birthday Cake
- Special Retail Promotions

Committee Chairman Marcia Carlson

Athletics Weekend- August 9-11

- 1860s Baseball Game
- Old-Fashioned Games
- 5K Run & 2-Mile Walk
- Wall of Fame Tour
- Indy 500 Car
- Fishing Derby
- Horseshoe Tournament

Committee Chairman Thomas Sullivan

Agricultural Weekend- August 16-18

- Local Farm Tours
- Quilting Demonstration
- Petting Zoo
- Hayrides
- Art In The Park
- Saw Mill Demonstration
- Farmers Market
- Local Garden Tour
- Community Square Dance
- Tractor Parade
- Corn Maze

Committee Chairman Nancy Nethery

Community Weekend- August 23-25

- Arts & Crafts Fair
- Taste of Lowell Tour
- Burying of Time Capsule
- Ecumenical Church Celebration
- Local Talent Show
- Special Retail Promotions

Committee Chairmen Dan & Linda Adams



The Grand Theatre



The Lowell Downtown district c. 1920.



The 2001-2002 LHS Special Olympics Volleyball Team: (front) Derrick Luker, Hannah Runyon, Jamee Tausch, Julie Tausch, Johnna Nolan, (back) , Jessie Neal, Matt Vanderhere, Anna Tomko, Amanda Bult, Marie Evans, Emily Runyon and Kim McGraw.

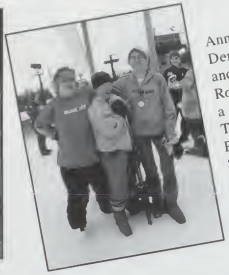
Special Olympics

Special Olympics started in 1991 with only one sport, bowling. Now, Tri-Creek Special Olympics 2001-2002 is involved in volleyball, basketball, bowling, skiing, gymnastics, 3-on-3 basketball and track and field. The volleyball team was unified this year, with Special Education Athletes joining other students to form one team. The team was so good they won State for the third straight year.

by Hania Nammari



Johnna Nolan holds the Letter from volleyball which she gained this year.



Anna Tomko, Derrick Luker and Amanda Robbins had a blast skiing at The Peaks in Paoli at the Winter State Games 2002

Practicing

1. Alison Umfleet was all wrapped up while practicing for a gymnastics meet.

2 Marie Evans, a senior at Lowell High School, shoots the ball for her basketball team.

3. Kim McGraw, Julie Tausch, Alison Umfleet, Johnna Nolan, Sara Peterson and Julie Tausch strike a graceful pose.







SERVICE LEARNING

Freshmen at Lowell High School are required to do more than just the basic subjects. Four years ago, teachers Sarah Harger and Megan Iussig began researching how they could get students more involved in the community of Lowell. After receiving a grant to support the newly developed program, Harger and Iussig went to work involving the freshman English teachers as well as the freshman students. Every freshman, in order to pass English, must complete a Service Learning Project. These projects can cover a variety of community areas, as long as they get out there and help the community. Students have found some interesting ways of helping the community through their projects, but overall the goal is always accomplished. Most students enjoy the projects, stating that they feel it is an easy and fun way to give back to the community.

by Jenifer Pillar



Sarah Munjas plays with Michelle, a child she watched in her church nursery. Munjas also cooked a meal for a needy family in her quest to help the community.

"We hope that when we are older there will be projects like this one still around."- Tania Nammari & Meagan Bennett



Alec Hoering shows a bag of trash he collected. Along with Brandon Stokes, he cleaned a two-mile stretch of land in Lowell.

"It makes my day better if I know that I've done something to improve another's well-being."- Kelly Beanford



Jessica Neal poses with Dustin Kartuska at the Special Education luau. Neal and her partner Michelle Mentink brightened their days with the dancing and fun.



Nicki Vesper, Shay Travis and Dana Stewart relax at the end of their service. They, along with Ana Baiel, cleaned-up the creek and woods behind Loven Oven. They said, "The project was worth our while because not only could we see the difference, but we also saw some of the animals we were helping."

"I felt like I did change a person's day."- Samantha Zilai

"In the end we know that we helped make some less fortunate children happy."- Nicole Lowandowski & Amy Denton



Amanda Thompson serves the ladies of the Lowell Healthcare Center coffee. Thompson stated, "People can go and visit the elders at the Healthcare Center whenever they want, not just because it is a school project."

"I am glad I had this experience of helping others by beautifying the environment in my own way."- Ryan Pickart

FACULTY

Allen, Sally
Anderson, Andy
Anderson, John
Angerman, Todd
Apple, Hallie
Bays, Randy



Becker, John
Bilski, Shelley
Bliha, Joe
Blubaugh, Susan
Brown-Runyon, Lori
Caister, Jennifer



Casey, Debra
Charpentier, Shane
Coil, Scott
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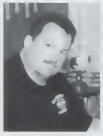







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Holdeman, Greg
Hopper, Robert
Hurt, Margaret
Iussig, Megan
Kalvaitis, Patricia








Kamanaroff, Mike
Kane, James
Kennedy, Kirk
Kovarik, Tim
Lake, Rebecca
Leonard, Steve



Mike Kamanaroff keeping the multi room secure during lunch.




Lindsay, Kent
Line, Mark




Lohse, Heather
Magley, Mike




McCormack, Patti
McQuiston, Kirk








McQuiston, Sue
Naumowich, Chuck
Nelson, Kathy
Opat, Mary Beth
Ouwenga, Larry
Peters, Sherry








Peterson, Michael
Reyes, Nancy
Ryser, Lori
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Stewart, Brad

Sufana, Tom
Thomas, Susan
Thompson, Rex
Vavrek, Jennifer
Walker, Julie
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Weiand, Pete
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Abel, Debbie
Ammons, Carol
Anderson, Wendy
Cartwright, Sue









Denton, Karla
Harber, Deanna
Holding, Anna
Skaggs, Mary Ann
Smith, Darlene









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Maintenance: Jimmy Johnson, Louis Meltzer and Paul Piazza

Cafeteria Staff: Becky Neely, Elaine Lutgen, Diana St. Clair, Cheryl Kleist, Jean Nichols, Peggy Vargo, Kay Brownfield, Carol Thrall, Nancy Elieff, Ruth Ladewig, Jackie Goodman, Tabitha Bullitt and Pam Curtis



Lowell High School Administration



Ursula Andrews
Assistant Principal



Lee Brown
Principal



Mike Chelap
Assistant Principal



Don Bales
Athletic Director

Tri-Creek School Corporation Administration and Staff



Administration: (front) Nate Kleefisch, Donald Yeoman, Alice Neal, (back) Raymond Cusic and Robert Hopper.



Central Office Staff: Dorisanne McNeill, Sally Sciackitano, Vicki Wietbrock, Jeanette Davis, Deann Serrano and Mary Jo Zatorski

Faculty & Staff

Whether you come in before 7:00 a.m. and find Jennifer Vavrek in the pool area or John Anderson at work at his computer, or you return in the evening to find Don Bales working at his desk or Joe Gianotti asleep in his 'office', students can always find a teacher, custodian, support staff, or administrator dedicating time beyond the requirements. Although there are teachers who slip in at the bell and beat the buses out of the parking lot, most teachers, staff and administrators are the ones coming in before the sun rises or leaving after dark. And the lack of sunlight can certainly take its toll. There are not enough ways to thank these people who impact the lives of LHS students every day. In fact, many times the everyday deeds of teachers, staff and administrators go unnoticed and unappreciated. The last minute copies needed from Carol Ammons and Deanna Harber, the phone message taken by Anna Holding or Sandy Favors, the candy money counted by or emergency check needed from Linda Pastuszak, or maybe it is the advice and support from an administrator like Ursula Andrews or the assistance with another troubled student from Mike Chelap. These are all behind-the-scene duties that are completed with a smile but many times without a thank you. Luckily, recognition is not what drives these people. The multitude of students who succeed in academics, sports or extra-curricular activities, find their way into the world, discover how to be good citizens, and finally graduate, are all a teacher or administrator needs to keep doing their job. The daily grind, the relentless class clown and the students who will never see graduation day are difficult loses for teachers and administrators to face, but certainly realities. Still, it is the successes that drive them. So, here is the chance to say thanks. Thanks for your dedication. Thanks for your time. Thanks for your knowledge and thanks for your sense of humor. Without all of the personalities of every member of the faculty, staff and administation, LHS could not produce the successes that keep these dedicated professionals returning to LHS every year.



Larry Ouwenga keeps his Pre-Calculus class focused on a homework problem that has given them trouble.



Athletic Director Don Bales shares last-minute advice with varsity boys basketball coach Mike Magley before a big game.



Academic Team coach Megan Iussig, sporting her 'smartie pants' during a Superbowl meet at Merrillville, shows her approval of the final scores for the team. The successes of the LHS Academic Teams have been among LHS's greatest.



Carol Ammons provides 'service with a smile' in the copy room, even for the teachers who come in with 'emergency' requests. Ammons works with Deanna Harber in the 'fish bowl'.



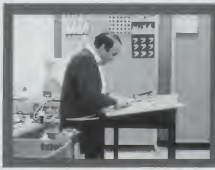
Varsity football coach Kirk Kennedy shouts instructions to his team during a home game.



Margaret Hurt sports a football jersey worn by staff members every Friday during the season to show support for the LHS football team.



Greg Holdeman, caught doing what he does best, is probably watching morning announcements. Holdeman teaches in the Science Department.



Art Department Chair Tom Sufana diligently puts together an assignment for his students. Sufana teaches Art with Sue Thomas.



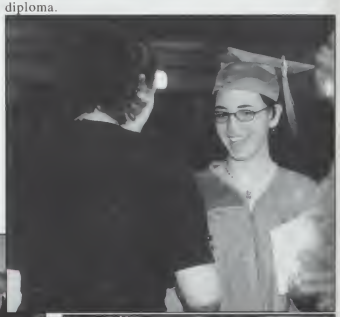
Brad Stewart uses technology to get the attention of the juniors in his class.

Commencement

On Sunday, June 2, 2002, 244 lives were changed as graduates received their diplomas and began life after high school. Powerful speeches were given by Salutatorian Katrina Csepiga and Valedictorian Dan Fisher about our past lives as students at Lowell High School and how to be successful in the future. A heartfelt performance of "Goodbye, My Friend" was sung by the LHS graduating choir members, which brought a tear to many an eye. Commencement this year will be remembered by the Class of 2002 for years to come.

by Jessica Cooper

Debbie Pioth appreciatively shakes hands with School Board member Linda Pancini after receiving her diploma.





Angela Parkhill, Danielle Daniluk and Heather Cholodinski gather in the multi-purpose room one last time.



Misty Schwamberger proudly shakes hands with School Board member Cheryl Rosevear on stage.



Allen Houchins, Jessica Hubert, Rachel Huseman and Marc Keilman wait to be seated, as the rest of their row arrives.

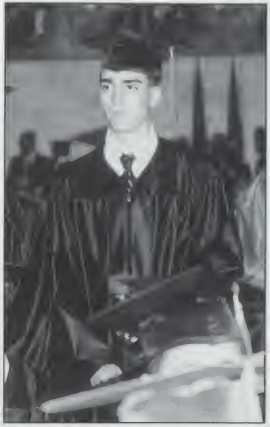


Johanna Kalikka, one of this year's exchange students, walks up the side aisle to accept her diploma.

Ann Mlynarczyk graciously accepts congratulations from Mrs. Pancini after receiving her diploma.



Jon Holding waits solemnly for the rest of his row to enter the gym before he takes his seat.





Graduation is a huge part of everyone's life. No one will be able to forget this year and these precious moments.



Danny Paciorek and Martin Glaze embrace with confidence after the ceremony.

Peyton Finley and Jessica Gable are all smiles after commencement.



Members of the Class of 2002 anxiously wait to graduate.

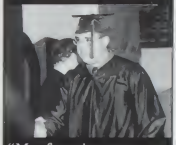
Speak UP!

What was your favorite part of the ceremony?



"All of it was great, but I loved the senior video,"

Alana Garton



"My favorite part was crossing the stage to receive my diploma,"

Mike Brownewell



"My favorite part was receiving the Alumni pin from Mr. Brown,"

Dave Bruckman

Senior Honors

The last week of the school year was filled with banquets and events honoring the seniors. Some of these included the Pride Banquet, the Senior Athletic Banquet, and Senior & Scholars Night. The Pride Banquet honored those students in the top ten percent of the senior class. It gave these students a chance to acknowledge who their most influential teachers were as well. The Senior Athletic Banquet was a time to hand out athletic awards and local scholarships. The night ended with a video recognizing each athlete and an entertaining speech given by L-Club President Tyler Reed. Senior and Scholars Night recognized such students as Valedictorian Dan Fisher, Salutatorian Katrina Csepiga, National Honor Society Members, and the Top Ten of each class. Generous scholarships were handed out to many students as well. Each of these events was a time to celebrate students' accomplishments and recognize their hard work through all of their high school years.

by Niki Hanas

Pride Banquet
Top Ten Percent of the Senior Class

Sean Anderson.....Joe Bliha
Elizabeth Benecki....Carol Jones
Isaac Brownfield.....John Anderson
Sarah Bult.....Kathy Fish
Jason Butchart.....Debra Casey
Jessica Cooper.....Joe Gianotti
Katrina Csepiga.....Andy Anderson
Meredith Cusic.....Chris LaCosse
Dan Fisher.....Larry Ouwenga
Alana Garton.....Sherry Peters
Nicole Hanas.....Debra Casey
Eric Holley.....Joe Gianotti
Jessica Hubert.....Megan Iussig
Rachel Huseman.....Debra Casey
Marc Keilman.....John Anderson
Jennifer Lichtle.....John Becker
Ryan Martin.....Laura Eller
Ann Mlynarczyk.....Wayne Lander
Anthony Panozzo.....Joe Gianotti
Isaiah Rose.....Mary Cusic
Heather Rosenwinkel.....Carol Hubacek
Steve Rust.....John Anderson
Megan Schoon.....Jeanne Guske
Nicholas Sciackitano.....Megan Iussig
Sarah Thompson.....Sarah Harger
Andrew Vassar.....Margaret Hurt

Jason Butchart presents Ms. Casey with a bouquet of roses. She was the most influential teacher of Jason, as well as Niki Hanas and Rachel Huseman.



Mr. Anderson (right) shakes Marc Keilman's hand as he is honored. Mr. Anderson was recognized by Keilman, along with Ike Brownfield and Steve Rust, as being a most influential teacher.

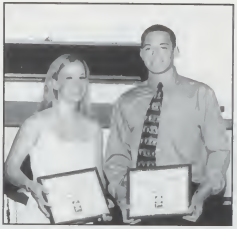


Nick Sciackitano recognizes Mrs. Iussig as his most influential teacher. Jessie Hubert recognized her as well.





Mr. Bales proudly shakes Matt Puskar's hand as he awards him the Red Devil Wrestling Scholarship.



Katrina Csepiga and Eric Holley pose for a picture after being announced as nominees for the prestigious Wendy's Heisman Award.



L-Club president Tyler Reed shakes Mr. Bales' hand before presenting the closing speech of the Senior Athletic Banquet.



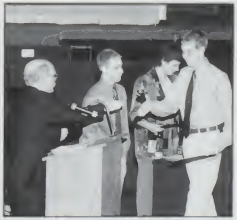
The Blanket Award is given to students who have earned eight Varsity letters. This year it was presented to Cody VanDuersen, Nick Williams, Rachel Wielgos, Jayson Martin, Brad Lippie, Theresa Lenzo, Alana Garton, Ashlee Davis, Meredith Cusic, Katrina Csepiga, Jessica Cooper, Robbie Bryant, and Marc Keilman.



Nick Sciackitano and Kristin Scott watch intently and applaud as an award is presented at Senior and Scholars Night.



Sean Anderson receives his gold rope and tassel from Mrs. Caister. He and other National Honor Society members proudly wore these at graduation.



Anthony Panozzo is congratulated by Mr. McQuiston for receiving the Bud Kussy Scholarship at Senior and Scholars Night.



At Senior and Scholars Night, Mrs. Cooper presents Dan Fisher with the Women's Club Scribblers Award.

SENIORS

Class of 2002



Luke Smolik has a fun time at Freshman FUNdamentals!



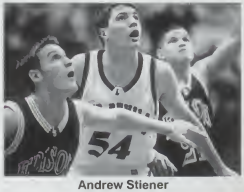
Meredith Cusic and Caroline Parilac



Kim "Boner" Sypulski and Diana Craven



Lindsay Peddy, Jen Pillar, and Caroline Vaandrager



Andrew Stiener

A look back...



Donald Quasbarth, Stefanie Ball, Kyle Madison, Joe Hoch, Jenanne Walk, Hania Nammari, Tim Simmons, Aimee Gearhart, and Mandy Martz



John Winstead, B.J. Lippie, and David Bougie



Dustin Hudak



Sean Griffin and Joe Hoch



Danielle Daniluk and Cassie Patz



Luke Lukasik and Ryan Martin



Matt Snell, Allen Houchins and Steve Aguilar in Mr. Anderson's choir class in 7th grade.



Nick Sciackitano, Ryan Kersey, Megan Schoon and Ellie Smyth

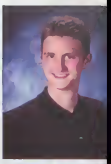


Jessica Cooper, Jen Pillar and Lindsay Peddy

Eric Abel: Band 9-12
Stephen Aguilar: Golf 9-12
Eric Anderson: Football, Basketball
Sean Anderson: Football 9-12 Track 9-12, L-Club 9-12, NHS 11-12
Michael Arlen







Kevin Babcock
Kurt Balfanz: Track 10-11, Vica 9-12, Agriculture 9
Stefanie Ball: Soccer 10,Bowling 12
Debra Elaine Ballas: Cheerleading 9-12, Diving 10-11 Track 9-10, Boys Track Manager 11-12, L- Club 10-12, SADD 9-10 Student Council 9-11, Choir 9-12 Yearbook 10-12
Robert Basso



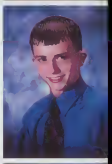




Elizabeth J. Benecki: Athletic Training 12, Track 11-12, Student Council 10-12, Newspaper 10-12, French Club 9-11, Academic Team 10-12, L- Club 12, Greenroom 11, NHS 12, Drama 9-12
Ashley Nicole Bell: Athletic Training 10
Goran Bevc: Soccer 11-12
Bruce Bigbie
David Bougie







Jan Erik Boyum: Soccer 12
Matthew Bradburn
Matthew Braun
Isaac Brownfield: Bowling 10-12, NHS 11-12
Michael Brownewell: Concert Band 9-10, Symphonic Band 11-12, Marching Band 9-12, Jazz Band 9-12, JROTC 9-10







Senior Royalties

Best Eyes



Best Smile



Cutest Couple





David Bruckman: Football 9-12, L-Club 10-12
Robert Bryant: Cross Country 9-12, Swimming/Diving 10-12, Track 9-12, Student Council 11-12, L-Club 10-12, French Club 9-10, SADD11
Zachary Bubness
Diana M. Buikema
Sarah Bult



Gregory L. Bultema
Jason M. Butchart: Baseball 9-12, Soccer 9-12, NHS 11-12, L-Club 11-12
Stephanie Butler: JROTC 9-12
Corine Cartwright: Track 9-10, Cross Country10, L-Club 9-10
Whitney Castle



Heather Cholodinski: Cross Country, Track, Diving
Sharelle Christensen
Crystal Cole
Nicholas Collom
Jessica Cooper: Soccer 9-12, Swimming 9-12, Athletic Training 11-12, NHS 11-12, Academic Teams 11-12, L-Club 9-12, Freshman FUNdamentals



Lyle Crabb: JROTC, Unplugged Club, Drama Club
Diana Eleanor Craven: Volleyball 9, Student Council 9 and 12, Freshman FUNdamentals
Katie Creighton
Jennifer Crocker: FFA 9-12, Football Manager 10-11, L-Club 10-12
Jake Crulcich: Football 9-12, JROTC

"Where do you want to go to College"

Marian College- Chrissy Talarek

ISU- Josh Razavi

Valparaiso University-

Indiana Universlty- Zack Bubness

Alana Garton

Purdue Universlty-

Jessica Lukasik

IUN- Misty Moore

Katrina Csepiga: Soccer 9-12, Track 9-12, L-Club 9-12, NHS 11-12, Premiere Distinction Show Choir, Freshman FUNdamentals
Amanda Curtis
Elizabeth Curtis: Soccer 10-12, Athletic Trainer 10-12, Academic Teams 11-12, Freshman FUNdamentals, L-Club 10-12
Meredith Cusic: Tennis, Athletic Trainer, NHS, L-Club, Student Council, Spanish Club, Drama Club
Danielle Daniluk: Track 10

Ashlee Davis: Swimming 10-11
Renee Michelle Deruntz: Marching Band 9-12, Concert Band 9-11, Symphonic Band
Ryan Drever
Jacklyn Raye Duncan: Cheerleading 9-12, Student Council, L-Club
Abby Ellis: Volleyball 9-11, Basketball 9, Softball 9-12, L-Club 9-12, Freshman FUNdamentals

Becky Ensweiler: Track 9 and 12, Golf 10, Bowling 10-12
Adam Erpelding: Soccer, Academic Teams, Red Team, L-Club, NHS
Marie Evans
William Ferry
Peyton Finley

Daniel Fisher: Band, Soccer
James Flack
Kristi Flatt: Softball 9
Lindsey Nicole French: Football Manager 11-12
Jessica Gable: JROTC



















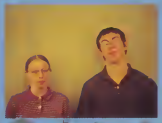



Loudest



Anthony Shoun
&
Debra Ballas

Jenny Lysek
&
Matt Braun



Quietest

Best Legs



Teresa Lenzo
&
Tim McHugh







Alana Marie Garton: Band 9-11, Athletic Training 10-12, NHS 11-12, L-Club 10-12, Yearbook 10 and 12, Freshman FUNdamentals
Aimee Gearhart: Boys Soccer Mgr 9-10, L-Club 9-11, French Club 9
Martin Glaze: Baseball, Basketball
Amanda Goff
Sean Griffin: Football 9-12







Nicole T. Hanas: Basketball 9-12, Softball 9-11, Freshman FUNdamentals, NHS 11-12, Yearbook 12
Ronnie Hatch
Nicole Haupert: Swimming, Spanish Club , Junior Miss
Natalie Hein
Jeremy Hill







Joshua Allen Holder: Football 12, Track, L-Club
Jonathan Holding
Eric Holley: Cross Country 9-12, Track 9-12, Basketball 9, L-Club 9-12, NHS 11-12, JETS 11-12, Academic Decathlon 12
Derek Joseph Hoots: Tennis, Basketball, Red Team, L-Club
Allen Houchins: Baseball 9-11, Football 9-12, Basketball 9-10, L-Club







Sarah Huber
Jesse Hubert: Swimming, Soccer, Premiere Distrcbon, Drama, Freshman FUNdamentals, Student Council, JETS
Dustin Hudak: Tennis
Shylah Hulsey: Cheerleading 9-12, FFA 10-12, NHS 11-12, Freshman FUNdamentals
Rachel Huseman: Volleyball 9-12, Softball 9-12, Student Council 10 and 12, NHS 11-12

Let's see who has a tattoo!

Shannon Summers





Bruce Bigbie

Lindsay Peddy





Eric Anderson

Jennyfer Jean Jansky: Golf 10-12, L-Club 10-12, Swimming 10, Student Council 11, Boys Golf Manager 9-10, Junior Miss, Yearbook 11-12

Taylor Jones

Ashley Jurs: L-Club 10-12, Track 9-11, Junior Miss, Student Council 12, Athletic Training 11-12, Soccer 12, Premiere Distinction 9-12

Johanna Kalikka

Marc Keilman: Basketball 9-12, Tennis 9-12, Baseball 9-12, Freshman FUNdamentals

Ryan Kersey: Football 9-12, Basketball 9-10, Track 9-12, L-Club 10-12, Student Assistant 12

Dana Kiepura: Freshman FUNdamentals, Swimming Manager 10

Craig Kierzek

Justin Kinnis

Jessica Klidaras: Varsity Soccer 9-11, Track 9-10, Athletic Trainer 10-11, L-Club 9-12, Show Choir 9-12, Spanish Club 9, SADD 9

Matt Kopka: Baseball 9-12

John Kriske

Nathan Kubeck

John Kuiper: Varsity Soccer 9-12, L-Club, FFA

Ryan Lappie



Miranda Lee

Teresa Lenzo: Band 9-12, Cheerleading 9-12, FCA, Junior Miss, Freshman FUNdamentals

Christa Lexow: Volleyball 9, Cheerleading 10-11, Yearbook 10-11

Jennifer Lichtle: Drama Club, Jazz Band, NHS, Premiere Distinction

Brad Lippie: Track 9-12, Football 9-12, Wrestling 10-12, L-Club 10-12

Most Athletic



Rachel Wielgos & Marc Keilman

Most likely to live in Lowell forever



Rachel Huseman & Ryan Kersey







Mike Lopez
Jessica Lukasik
Luke Lukasik
Kyle Madison
Jayson Martin: Cross Country, Track







Ryan Martin
Amanda Martz: Girls Tennis Manager 10, Boys Wrestling Manager 10, Spanish Club 10
Timothy McHugh: Yearbook 12
Lynn McLaughlin
Justin McLean







Timothy Misiora
Scott Mitsch
Ann Mlynarczyk: NHS, Freshman FUNdamentals
Javier Montoya: Football 9-11, Cheerleading
Misty R. Moore







Jeffery Nagel
Hania Nammari: Cross Country 10, L-Club 11-12, Yearbook 11-12, Freshman FUNdamentals12, Boys Wrestling Manager 10-11
Matthew Neswick: Hockey
Benjamin Nichols
Rya Nord: Basketball 9, Softball 9-12, Junior Miss 12, Freshman FUNdamentals 12, Spanish CLub 10, Student Council 12, L-Club 12, Yearbook 12

Lunch Time at Lowell High



Steve Aguilar, Nick Williams, Ashley Jurs, and Jenn Jansky



Matt Braun, Joe Hoch, Rob Bryant, and Meredith Cusic



Brad Lippie



Kyle Madison, Jessica Kildaras, and Kristin Scott



Jesica Pillar, Kristin Scott, and Katie Sullivan



Brandon Pulley, Goran Bevc, and Dan Fisher

Brandice Olivotto: L-Club 10-12, Yearbook 11-12, French Club 9-11, Soccer Manager 9-10, Baseball Manager 9, Band 9
Nicole Overturf
Daniel Paciorek
Anthony Panozzo
Caroline Parilac: Cheerleading 9-12, Athletic Training 10-12, Junior Miss, Student Council 12, Freshman FUNdamentals, FCA 10-12, Yearbook 12, L-Club 10-12

Douglas Parker
Angela Parkhill: Poms, Girls Golf, Boys Golf Manager
Cassie Patz: I C E
Lindsay Marie Peddy: Band 9-10, Swimming 9-10, Soccer 10-11, L-Club 11-12, Academic Teams 11-12, Yearbook 12, Freshman FUNdamentals
Jason Penman

Todd Phillips
Jennifer Pierson
Jenifer Pillar: Swimming 9-12 L-Club 9-12, NHS 11-12, Freshman FUNdamentals, Academic Teams 12 Yearbook 12
Jesica Pillar: Tennis, Basketball, Volleyball, Freshman FUNdamentals, Junior Miss, Academic Decathlon, Student Council
Deborah Pioth: Newspaper

Jill Porento: Volleyball 9-11, Basketball 9-12, Softball 9-10, L-Club 11-12
Brandon Michael Pulley: L-Club, FCA, Soccer 9-12, Wrestling 9-12, Track 10-12, ROTC
Matthew Puskar: Football 9-12, Wrestling 9-12, Freshman FUNdamentals, L- Club Council, Yearbook 12
Jason Quanstrom: Premiere Distinction 9-12, Basketball 9-11
Russell Ramstrom: Band 9-12, Drama Club, Photography Club, Yearbook,Premiere Distinction Showchoir






















Best Car



Abra Smith & (not pictured) Justin Slayden

Worst Car



Matt Neswick & Katie Sullivan

Most Creative



Nick Sciackitano & Rya Nord







Joshua Razavi
Tyler Reed: Wrestling 9-12, Football 12, L-Club 9-12, NHS 12, Freshman FUNdamentals
Heather Rosenwinkel: Student Council, NHS, Junior Miss, Freshman FUNdamentals, Newspaper
Elisabetta Rusconi: Swimming 12, Tennis 12
Steven Rust: Jazz Band, Pep Band, Marching Band, Basketball, NHS, FCA







Scott Salai: Band, Freshman FUNdamentals
Adam Sampson: Cross Country 9-11, Track 9-11, L-Club, VICA
Genaro Santos: Choir
Megan Schoon: Basketball 9-10, Volleyball 9-10, Freshman FUNdamentals, Junior Miss, FCA 9-12
Brian Sciackitano: Basketball, Baseball, L-Club







Nick Sciackitano: Freshman FUNdamentals, NHS, Student Coucil, Yearbook, Tennis, Academic Teams
Kristin Scott: Basketball 9-12, Volleyball 9-10, Soccer 11-12, Track, Student Council
Dana Seramur: Boys Soccer Manager, Golf
Steffany Sims
Timothy Simmons: Baseball 9-12







Heidi Skarpodde
Danielle Slaven
Justin Slayden
Eric Small: Bowling
Abra Smith

Most Likely to Succeed



Dan Fisher & Megan Schoon

Best Personality



Anthony Shoun & Jess Lukasik

Lucas Smolik: Freshman FUNdamentals.
Elizabeth Smyth: Academic Decathalon, Freshman FUNdamentals
Janet Snyder: Drama Club, Academic Teams, Marching Band, Symphonic Band, Pep Band
Danielle Stovall
Katherine Sullivan: Basketball 9, Volleyball 9-12, Softball 9-12, Freshman FUNdamentals, Student Council 10-11

Shannon Summers
Abby D. Sutton
Kimberly Sypulski
Robert Szafranski: Football 9-12, Band 9-12, L-Club 10-12
Chrissy Talarek












Milan R. Tanasijevich
Jamee L. Tausch
William N. Taylor: Golf
Sarah D. Thompson: Student Council 11-12, NHS 11-12 Treasurer, Freshman FUNdamentals, Newspaper
Caroline Vaandrager: Golf, Swimming, Tennis, Academic Team, Freshman FUNdamentals







Joey Vandercar: VICA, Golf
Michael Vanderhere: ROTC
Wieneke VanRens: Soccer, Swimming, Drama, Choir
Josh Vargo
Andrew Vassar: Football Baseball, L-Club, FCA, Webmasters Club







Most School Spirit



Anthony Shoun & (not pictured) Jackie Duncan

Class Clown



Luke Smolik & Jessica Klidaras

Life of the Party



Andrew Stiener & Jesica Pillar







Brandon Verkler: Football, L-Club, Freshman FUNdamentals
Hanna Vickhoff: Swimming, Track
Jenanne Walk: Golf 9-12, Track 9, Choir 9-10, Spanish Club 9-10
Andrea Warzak: FCA, Junior Miss
Stephanie White







Rachel Wielgos: Volleyball 9-12, Basketball 9-11, Student Assistant, Softball 9-12, L-Club
Nathan Wietbrock: Swimming 12, Tennis 12
Nicholas Williams: Golf, Tennis, Swimming, L-Club
Desiree Wilson: Color Guard
Alexis Wolters: Swimming 9-11, Poms 10-12, Freshman FUNdamentals, Student Council 10-12, Junior Miss







Zach Wright: Drama Club
Amber Wuske
Steven Yeagley: Drama Club, Spanish Club, Freshman FUNdamentals, FCA
Kevin Zwiers
Sam Karras

Not pictured:
Megan Beier, John Berg, Michele Biederstadt, Kyle Bird, Daniel Blaskovich, Cassie Boesch, Ryan Bonner, Sara Bult, Michael Case, Jessie Cerros, Matt Clement, Karli Cole, Barb Cramer, Shane Crowley, David Dewes, Zak Duncan, Chris George, Anthony Hernandez, Karrie Honicutt, Pat Huffman, Stephen Jankovic, Sam Karras, Jon Keeton, Kevin Knight, Adam Koskela, Juliet LaBuda, Justin Legg, Aaron Levin, Derrick Luker, Pedro Lyra, Jennifer Lysek, Matt McCann, Scott Middlebrooks, Johnna Nolan, Lauren Pawlak, Sara Peterson, Karl Poppe, Michael Roberts, Aileen Ross, Rosa Salazar, Joseph Scheive, Jennifer Schuljak, Misty Schwamberger, Stanford Scott, Anthony Shoun, Rebekah Somerton, Melinda Staples, Andrew Stiener, Kevin Thomas, Cody VanDeursen

What will you miss the most about High School?

"The chicks" - Sam Karras

"THE WAY EVERYTHING IS SO EASY NOW, NEXT YEAR WE WILL HAVE TO WORK OUR BUTTS OFF" - NIKI HANAS

"The people and the sometimes really funny stereotypes"- Danielle Stovall

SeNiOrS



Some Seniors at a Pep Rally are Brian Sciackitano, Chrissy Talarek, Rachel Huseman, Jill Porento, Jenn Jansky, Nikki Hanas, Jenanne Walk, and Beth Curtis.



Josh Holder and Tim Simmons



Katie Sullivan and Rachel Wielgos



Jackie Duncan



Johanna Kalikka



Stefanie Ball, Russ Ramstrom, Becky Ensweiler, and Eric Small



Debbie Pioth



Dan Fisher



Eric Holley



Anthony Shoun



Rosa Salazar



Joey Vandercar



Freshman FUNdamental leaders



Derek Hoots

2002



Jackie Duncan



Josh Vargo



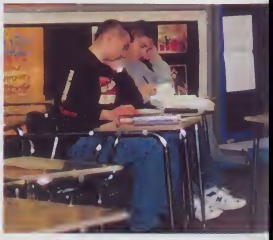
Stefanie Ball



Alana Garton and Justin Kinnis



Tim Simmons



Eric Holley and Dan Fisher



Jason Butchart



Cody VanDeursen



Tim McHugh and Lindsay Peddy



Michael Arlen



Steve Yeagley



Bob Basso and Joe Hoch



Senior girls before the first day of school are, Back row: Shannon Summers, Kim Sypulski, Jessica Pillar, Jackie Duncan, Diana Craven, Kristi Flatt, and Steffy Sims. Front Row: Danielle Daniluk, Ashley Bell, Abra Smith, and Cassie Patz.



Zack Bubness and Caroline Vaandrager

Seniors 2002



Seniors at their lunch table



Niki Hanas



Rachel Wielgos



Ronnie Hatch



Meredith Cusic



Bob Basso, Dan Blaskovich, and Zack Bubness



Jessica Cooper



Justin Kinnis and Josh Holder



Beth Curtis, Derek Hoots, and Jake Crulcich



Katie Sullivan and Chrissy Talarek

JUNIORS

Class of 2003

Abeto, Andrew
Adams, Tim
Arlen, Jennifer
Aultman, Patricia
Bales, Justin
Barcus, Lauren



Barker, Jessica
Basham, Ryan
Beckrich, Brandon
Beier, Heather
Bell, Jeremiah
Besaw, Lloyd



Black, Jacob
Blandford, Anneitta
Bloch, David
Bobbitt, Joseph
Bouquet, Steven
Bourrell, Jill



Bradtke, Jonathon
Brill, Nicholas
Broukal, William
Brown, Kelsey
Brown, Ryan
Bult, Christine





Bult, Renee
Bultema, Alison
Bunge, Jacob
Butler, Rebecca
Campa, James
Caruso, Jerry



Caudle, Ashley
Cellarius, Britanny
Cerros, Jamie
Chilcott, George
Chilcott, Gordon
Childress, Loni



Clark, Amanda
Cleveland, Jessica
Comstock, Ashley
Conley, Donna
Conley, James
Corie, Joshua



Cosgrove, Kathleen
Cummins, Nicole
Cutler, Carol
Dahl, Abby
Dandurand, Desiree
Daugherty, Emily



Day, Ashleigh
Dearing, Eric
DeVona, Elizabeth
DeVries, Daniel
Doffin, Megan
Duttlinger, Alan



Eich, Katherine
Elliott, Jessica
Favors, Jason
Fedler, Katie
Ferro, Anthony
Ferry, Jennifer



Forney, Jeffrey
Foster, Jamie
Foster, Sarah
French, Adam
Gales, Shane
Galliher, Nicole

Garner, Stephanie
Garton, Joshua
Gaspar, Jason
Gasparovic, Amanda
Giglio Jr., John
Gilbert, Stephanie



Goff, Jennifer
Goodman, Josh
Goodrich, Kimberly
Gross, Alyson
Gumienny, Leonard
Hacker, Julie



Hall Jr., Randy
Hardesty, Shelley
Hardwick, Margaret
Harmon, Nicholas
Hastings, Kelvin
Hathaway, Gina



Hefner, Jacob
Heine, Allison
Hembroff, Bryan
Hemm, Shannon
Hildebrandt, Cori
Hoch, Joseph



Holl, Stephanie
Huber, Emily
Hurst, Dawnya
Huseman, Ryan
James, Mark
Johnsten, Cindy



Jones, Brian
Kania, Kristin
Keithley, Scott
Kendall, Michael
Kersey, Joseph
King, David



Kleefisch, Erin
Knight, Joseph
Korth, Lindsey
Koza, Lesley
Kralek, Michael
Kras, Kyle





Kregel, Lynette
Krocker, Krystal
Kuiper, John
Kwiatkowski, Daniel
LaBuda, Jerome
Lamphere, Shawn



Lee, Nicole
Lessig, Jacob
Lessner, Jason
Letica, Nicole
Long, Nathan
Lunsford, Robert



Luttrell, Jessica
Luttrell, Melissa
Malamatos, Michael
Maloney, Steven
Manes, Natale
Manes, Nicole



Marrs, Joseph
Marszalek, Michael
Marzotto, Michael
Mauk, Joshua
Mayer, Nicole
McGuire, Erica



McQuiston, Katherine
Metz, Ryan
Meyers, Tiffany
Mitchell, Kathryn
Mitchell, William
Mitsch, Thomas



Mlynarczyk, Eric
Molden, Adam
Moreland, Laura
Morrow, Neil
Moyer, Diana
Naddy, Steven



Nagel, Bradley
Neff, Chris
Nichols, Jason
Nida, Rachel
Norton, Laura
O'Connell, Kristen

Oryhan, Kim
Parente, Nicholas
Parker, Jonathan
Parli, Kevin
Pastuszak, Gary
Peart, Christopher



Perfetti, Sarah
Perry, Tabitha
Poleski, Aimee
Politakis, George
Powers, Jane
Powers, Kristine



Press, Lauren
Pritchard, Kristen
Pulley, Eric
Reid, Megan
Reiling, Anna
Robbins, Amanda



Roberts, Matthew
Rosinko, Matthew
Rowe Jr., James
Rucker, Sarah
Ruggeri, Nicole
Rumback, Lisa



Runyon, Nicholas
Saberniak, Michael
Santos, Jorge
Schares, Jeremy
Schultz, Kendall
Schuyler-Pietrzak, Nole



Serrano, Mario
Sisk, Ryan
Smith, Aaron
Smith, Amanda
Smith, Michelle
Smith, Sarah



Sons, Crystal
Sova, Timothy
Stamper, Brian
Stang, Charles
Stansberry, Nicole
Steuer, Meghan





Stockstill, Joshua
Stokes, Brandon
Storey, Matthew
Straughen, Sarah
Swart, Amanda
Swart, Laurel



Thomas, Christopher
Travis, Nickolas
Umfleet, Alison
Utley, Sheena
VanRite, Lucas
Vinson, Lee



Vitoux, Michael
Wagoner, John
Watson, Christopher
Weeks, Denita
Wietbrock, Chad
Wilbourn, Nathan



Wilkerson, Charlie
Williams, Trisha
Wilson, Courtney
Winstead, John
Woodworth, Jacob
Yates, Jessica
Zelenka, Paul

Not Pictured: Shawn Brown, Kara Chermak, David Cichowski, Brian Cross, Danielle DeRisi, Christopher Ferry, Benjamin Flores, Heather Frederick, Brandon Fuller, Dustin Fuller, Carl Hall, Michael Hein, Timothy Karagias, Courtney Lanham,Shannon Madoll, Neale Maury, Kenneth Nagel, Daniel O'Leary, Brian Piszro, Jeanette Pittman, Yessenia Reyes, Tommy Rindfuss, Mark Rudzinski, Joseph Schuster, Jerre Schuyler-Pietrzak, Jessica Tompkins, Benjamin Wood, Bobby Woodworth, and Adam Wornhoff.



Emily Daugherty takes a break from selling candy for the athletic training team during lunch.

Chris Thomas vigorously scrubs a shelf while working at the local grocery store, Wilco Foods.





One of the managers for the varsity football team, Jill Bourrell, sits on the sidewalk and watches practice this summer.

Scott Keithley works hard at his job at Kentucky Fried Chicken.



SOPHOMORES

Class of 2004

Adams, Sheena
Aguilar, Nancy
Alberts, Kristen
Anderson, Matthew
Arnold, Christina
Atchley, Jenny



Bachan, Joseph
Bachinski, Megan
Bafia, Mark
Baietto, Daniel
Bailitz, Rebecca
Bales, Mackenzie

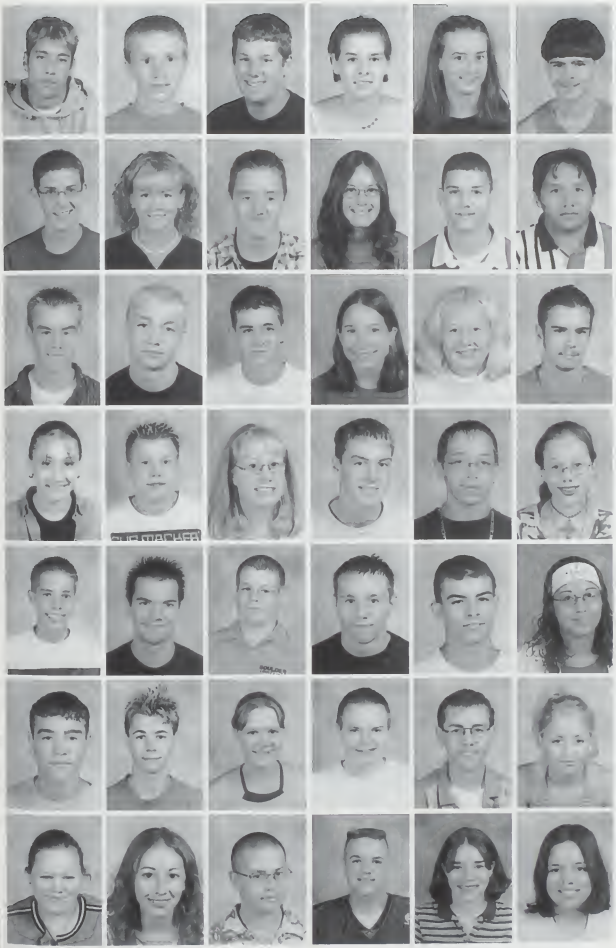


Bank, Robert
Barton, Nathan
Beckrich, Zachary
Beier, Sara
Beier, Shannon
Bell, Brooke



Bell, Danielle
Bender, Selena
Benoit, Steven
Bernotus, Brett
Blackford, Robert
Blandford, JennieVee





Bloch, Mathew
Blunt, Cameron
Bohney, Steven
Bostick, Tracy
Bougie, Kristina
Bradburn, Michael

Bretzinger, Matthew
Bright, Amanda
Bult, Paul
Cales, Sara
Calloway, Asa
Cardenas, Martin

Chermak, Joshua
Chesner, Shane
Cholodinski, Chad
Clapp, Antonette
Clemens, Natasha
Collins, Michael

Conley, Christina
Connell, Joshua
Corey, Amber
Corns, Jason
Cox, Aron
Crabb, Phebe

Cummins, Jake
Cundiff, Nathan
Dahl, Branden
Dahl, Cory
Dalton, Thomas
Dankha, Maria

Davis, Richard
Dean, James
Dietz, Rachel
Dmitrovich, Nicholas
Doffin, Henry
Dowling, Jennifer

Dowd, Dusty
Drawbaugh, Bethany
Drazba, Christopher
Dunn, Garrett
Ellis, Allison
Equihua, Danielle

Erpelding, Mary
Falcone, Nicholas
Ferry, Elizabeth
Fik, Christine
Flatt, Shawna
Flores, Megan



Fluehr, Sean
Fluehr, Shannon
Follis, Jeremy
Franz, Kenneth
Frigo, Desiree
Fuchs, Bradley



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Christopher Plant and Amy Walstra work on their computer during Mr. Thomas Sufana's 2-D art class.



Nathan Oaf talks with friends during his lunch hour.



Mary Erpelding and Alysha Tomlins play a game during their study hall in Mrs. Sarah Harger's classroom.



Steven Sprouse grabs his tray while waiting in the lunch line.

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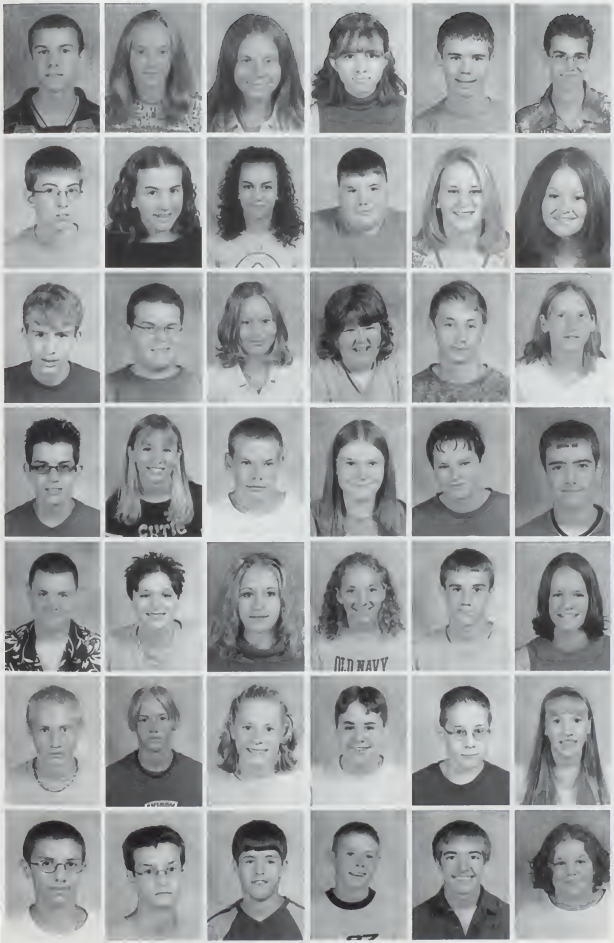


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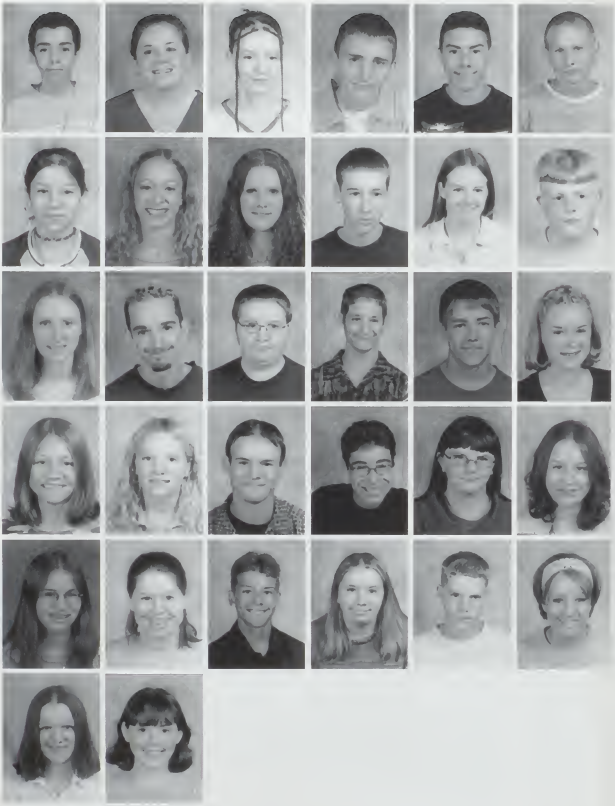
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Advice to the Underclassmen
from the Senior Class

"Only cheat if you can get away with it."
*Brian Sciackitano

"Live your dream life now."
*Rosa Salazar

"Do whatever you want to do. Don't worry about what everyone else thinks."
*Heather Rosenwinkel

"Don't try the tuna surprise."
*Matt Puskar

"Don't overwork yourself. Take at least one day off every other week."
*Sam Karras

"Get out of Lowell and see the world."
*Jesse Hubert

"Go to the right hand side of the lunch line."
*Tim McHugh

"Don't stress out over the small stuff."
*Jess Cooper

"Beware of the parking lot."
*Cori Cartwright

"Watch the Simpsons."
*Bob Szafranski

"Make friends with teachers, not students."
*Luke Smolik

"High School is easier than what people say."
*Tim Simmons

"Study hard- it will be worth it. Party hard- it will give you good memories."
*Jackie Duncan

"Take all easy classes senior year, and for the love of God do not get a job at McDonalds."
*Becky Ensweiler

"Get a job, get a car, and most importantly, have fun."
*John Kriske

"Enjoy High School while you can, because before you know it, it's over."
*Matt Kopka

"Don't be afraid to try something new."
*Meredith Cusic

"Cherish these moments, for these are the moments that you will remember all of your life."
*Renee Deruntz

"Make sure to call Mrs. Lonardi 'Grandma'"
*Rya Nord



Josh Rowe takes a break during a strenuous day of band class.



Melissa Morfoot buys her chips for an excellent meal at lunch time.

Acad



Dave Bruckman



Jen Lysek

This year has been a great one for Academics at LHS. Several new courses were offered to students, such as Law Enforcement and Health Careers, which students have found very rewarding. Also offered was Cisco and Computer Repairs at the Tri-Creek Corporation main office. These classes prepare students who plan to make a career in computer technology.

"My favorite class is choir because it is what I love to do the most." -Dan DeVries

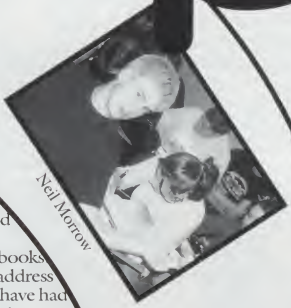
"The funniest moment this year was when my teacher left the room mid-discussion and an impromptu paper rucus broke out."
-Nick Sciackitano

"The funniest thing that happened this year was when a teacher had a nervous breakdown and whipped chalk across the room."
-Katrina Csepiga

emics



Amanda Goff



Neil Morrow

Highlights of the year included the Shakespeare festival given by students in English Literature, the physics field trip to Great America, and the Creative Writing field trip to an elementary school to write children's books. Academics at LHS have expanded to address the careers of tomorrow and students have had a blast with the new, hands-on instruction.

"My favorite project this year was the service learning project." -Amy Denton

"In Mr. (Brad) Stewart's class, we brought in a farting machine and fake poop and had a battle of classic rock music with Mr. (Chuck) Naumowich's class." -Alyson Gross

"The funniest moment was when Mike Saberniack dressed up as a woman, wearing a long black wig, blush, lipstick and big glasses, and did the voic3 of a woman for a Humanities II project." - Sarah Perfetti

Where English and Social Studies harmonize,

Humanities

School can be full of rigorous book work and stacks of homework, but it also consists of special projects and presentations where the students get the opportunity to let their creative juices flow from their own brains to the watchful eyes of their peers. This year was filled with exciting festivals and shows put on by many of the hardworking Social Studies and English students. This was their chance to take everything they have learned in class and apply it creatively to teach other students and perform for the community. It's a chance for Lowell High School to not only prove that the students have been working hard, but that they truly enjoy their work and want to share their knowledge with others. From abortion trials in AP Composition to autobiographies in Freshman English, junior research projects to stock market projects in Economics, classes hosted Shakespeare Festivals to Humanities II 1920's speakeasy. There was constantly some form of special event going on in one of the Humanities classes. Here is where the students shined academically, in and out of the actual classroom.

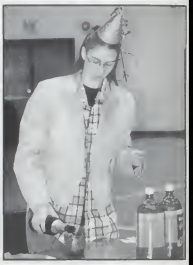
by Rya Nord



Flappers Katie McQuiston, Anita Blandford, Lesley Koza, Emily Daugherty, Aimee Poleski and Jessica Yates dance the night away. The girls were a part of the Humanities II speakeasy.



Brad Stewart's class watches a movie in D-pod. D-pod was often the area for Social Studies activities and studying.



Abby Sutton pours some drinks for her classmates. A Shakespearean feast was held in the Multi Purpose room.



Kristen O'Connell and Megan Reid host the 1920's Humanities II fashion show. The show consisted of athletic clothing, formal clothing, and much more.



B.J. Lippie applies his makeup. He performed as a female character from "Much Ado About Nothing" at the Shakespeare Festival.



Craig Kierzek and Javier Montoya have a sword fight. They rehearsed a scene from one of the many Shakespeare plays they read in class.

what we think

What was the item you most often forgot to bring to class?

41% say Pencil	**23% say** Books
29% say Paper	**7% say** Folder



Shakespeare teacher Wendy Magley sits back and listens as Beth Benecki tells a story. They enjoyed a small feast while wearing fancy party hats.



Lesley Koza gasps as Eric Mlynarczyk shows off his muscles. They were swimwear models in the speakeasy.



Diana Moyer and Jessica Barker host a radio show. Their show consisted of sound effects by Jane Powers and Sarah Smith.



Mike Kamanaroff takes a break in the multi purpose room. Mr. "K" was a Government and Current Affairs teacher this year. "Kaboom!"

What was your favorite project or skit this year in a Social Studies or English class?

"When we wore togas, sprayed air freshener, and rode a boat for a Cleopatra skit in Shakespeare class."

Russell Dean Ramstrom
SENIOR

"I liked the namo project we did in Creative Writing because we had the chance to write about each other and tell each other what we liked or admired about them."

Jill Porento
SENIOR

"I loved the Shakespeare Festival. It was really fun to perform for the rest of the school and we had really cool booths and games after our performance."

Jessica Cooper
SENIOR



Laurel Swart and Courtney Wilson work at the Holy Water Cafe. There, students bought refreshments and baked goods after enjoying a show in the Little Theatre.



Tiffany Meyers is Babe Ruth during the 1920's fashion show. She also performed as Babe in a sports reel presented later in the show.

Jenny Lichtle, Javier Montoya, Craig Kierzek, B.J. Lippie, Debra Ballas, and Heather Rosenwinkel perform in class. One of the requirements in Shakespeare was to always be dressed in proper costume.





Nicole Cummins, Sarah Perfetti, Jeremy Schares, Tim Sova, Scott Keithley and Aimee Poleski enjoy watching the performers. They went on a field trip to Tommy Gun's Garage in Chicago.

summing things up with

Math

When you think of math you think of painstaking work. This year, LHS math classes mostly stayed the same. John Becker, Kent Hess, Larry Owenga, John Anderson, Mike Magley, Pete Wieand, Jennifer Vaverk, and Lynn Winland work hard to provide the student body with important tools valuable to furthering our mathematical knowledge. Learning in Lowell's diverse environment, math students use skills taught in earlier, but not always easier, math classes, such as Math Topics and Problem Solving I and II. Many students move on to more advanced classes such as Algebra, Geometry, Pre-calculus, and Calculus. Students are provided tutors, if needed, and even study groups. Math is a subject that is not always easy and not always fun, but is a necessity to the high school curriculum.

by Sarah Rucker



Kevin Zwiers, Ashley Jurs, and Natale Manes work together to figure out their Algebra II assignmnent.



Sam Paunovici gets help with Algebra, during his study hall.



Mike Magley's Algebra I class works hard to complete their homework.

THROUGH OUR EYES

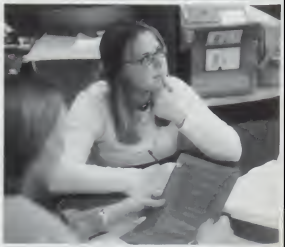
What is the most useful class in high School?

"English, because you learn to communicate"
Justin Legg
senior

"Math because you use it in everyday life,"
Brittanny Cellarius
junior

"Spanish II, because Sally Allen is the greatest teacher,"
Katie Vanes
sophomore

Emily Daugherty ponders an Algebra II problem.





"It wasn't as bad as we thought it'd be, "Jo" grew on us after awhile. We're sorry to see her go," juniors Stephanie Holl and Kendall Schultz said. Both of them are known as 'dissectors extraordinaire.'



Randy Bays teaches Biology II students how to dissect properly.



Eric Abel looks amazed as others dissect their rats.



"I feel bad about 'Master Splinter's' death, but Leonardo would have wanted it that way," said Dan Blaskovich.

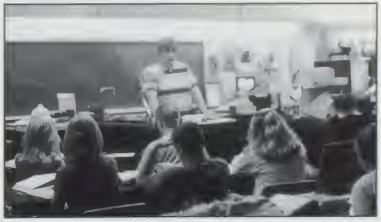


Nathan Long holds his 'victim'.



Krystal Krocker prepares to skin her rat in the lab.

Sue McQuiston teaches the genetic code to Biology I students.



Science is a subject that is sometimes left behind in students' minds. Every student at Lowell High School has to study some sort of Science. The science department consists of Joe Bliha, Randy Bays, Scott Coil, John Anderson, Greg Holdeman, Mark Line, Mike Peterson, and Sue McQuiston. Biology teachers use their skills to provide students with informative projects. Chemistry teachers give students a hands-on concept of chemicals by conducting labs. Earth Science helps students find out about the earth's surface and below, and what happens when different elements are combined. Advanced classes, such as Physics, teach important math skills and figure out science problems. Biology II students study body structures and at the end of the year, put their knowledge to use by dissecting rats. Lowell High School offers a wide range of opportunities when it comes to Science.

by Sarah Rucker

here's the deal on

Science

Special Education

Learning and Growing

High school curriculum includes Functional Academics, community-based field trips, and Life Skills. The students work on reading and math academics to improve their independence and survival in the community. Some of the field trips, such as Norm's Pumpkin Patch, the Lowell Public Library, bowling, and restaurants, give students hands-on, real-life experiences with activities such as purchasing items in a store and ordering in a restaurant. The students are also taught functional living skills, such as hygiene, social skills, and independence.

by Hania Nammari



On a hayride at Norm's Pumpkin Patch, Alison Umfleet is thrilled to be out of her wheelchair. She does not let her limitations interfere with having fun.



On a field trip to the Lowell Fire Station the class learns about safety and checks out equipment the firefighters use every day. "Jamee Tausch got to try on the uniform," said Miss Robbie.



Julie Tausch and Christa Roberts find math fun on a field trip to Stardust Bowl II. This trip allowed the students to learn how to keep score while bowling.

"I enjoyed meeting the new students and the teachers."
Kristin Lewis - Freshman



Teacher Shelley Bilski and paraprofessionals Debbie Abel, Robbie Kwasniewski, and Penny Janackovic love their jobs and really enjoy working with these MOMH students. "It is a very rewarding profession and we have a great time," said Bilski.



Students look forward to Fridays, when they board the bus for field trips to learn independent/functional living skills and explore new places.



Peyton Finley paints Crystal Cole's face at the Mercado Market.

Foreign Language is an important part of many students' high school life. The LHS foreign language department has a new teacher this year, Heather Lohse. Other staff includes Sally Allen, Lori Ryser, and Julie Walker. This year, the Spanish classes participated in many events. Aside from the everyday fun that Spanish and French students experience, Spanish students had a two-day celebration called 'the Day of the Dead'. During these days, freshmen made tissue paper flowers similar to those placed on graves in ancient Spain and Mexico. Sophomores made skull mobiles because Spanish people aren't afraid of death and they embrace it. During the Christmas season all classes made cards for people around the school. Spanish students also have fiestas where kids bring in authentic Mexican food and celebrate. In April, students organized an event called the 'Mercado,' selling their wares. Students showed visiting students how to make tissue paper flowers. Overall, Foreign Language classes are fun and interesting.

by Jessica Elliott

Through Our Eyes

What is the most beneficial part of Foreign Language?

"I like learning about the French culture," — **Nicki Letica, junior**

"In Spanish III we learn more in-depth about Spanish people and their history," — **Steve Naddy, junior**

"Learning about all the different traditions and beliefs," — **Jessica Elliott, junior**



Nick Sciackitano focuses hard on making a God's-eye.



Megan Schoon practices splatter painting.

Katie Vanes and Jennifer Lenzo work hard to complete their worksheet for Sally Allen's Spanish class.



Speaking Out In A Foreign Language

Newspaper&Yearbook

Journalism

The 'Devil's Advocate' staff accomplished their goal of producing more issues this year than in any previous year. With the funding they earned through fund-raisers and ad sales, the staff covered a variety of events at the high school. Each issue of the newspaper cost an average of $250.00, and was published by J&S Printing in Alabama. The staff was always around trying to get the scoop on school happenings. The editor of the newspaper this year was senior Sarah Thompson, who did a tremendous amount of work to help produce a solid, respectable newspaper, and made it something the students of Lowell High School wanted to read. This year's staff also produced a special four-page issue covering the special events and speakers of Futurama. The staff took a memorable field trip in the Spring to downtown Chicago to see the September 11th photo exhibit at Union Station. The exhibit was emotional for each student, but it taught them the powerful impact of a photograph. "This field trip was a unique experience for all of the students as well as myself, because the photographs will never be in a museum. This was our only chance to see these life-size photographs of the rescue team members, as well as survivors from the World Trade Center. The powerful photographs made us realize how this event impacted the lives of so many New Yorkers," said advisor Sarah Harger.

by Brandice Olivotto



The 2001-2002 'Devil's Advocate' Staff: (front) Courtney Lanham,Beth Benecki, Jen Ferry, Mindy Hochmuth, Advisor Sarah Harger, (back) Debby Pioth, Dan Blaskovich, Anthony Shoun, Heather Rosenwinkel and Roxann Poor.



During their field trip to Chicago, Mrs. Harger, Courtney Lanham and Heather Rosenwinkel take a break for lunch at Berghoff's

Debby Pioth shows off her moves during a work session.

Beth Benecki concentrates on correcting the errors in her newspaper layout.



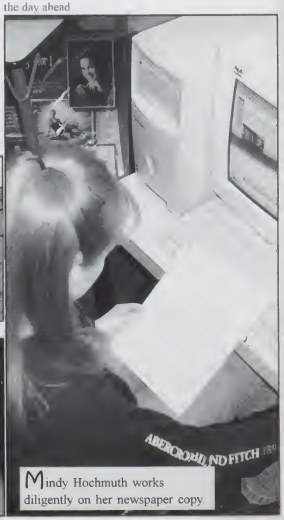






This year's newspaper editor, Sarah Thompson, checks over everyone's articles.

Anthony Shoun enjoys McDonald's everyday during Channel One in Newspaper, since it gets him going for the day ahead.



Mindy Hochmuth works diligently on her newspaper copy

After a rather turbulent first semester, the 'Lowellian" staff completed this year's yearbook before July. The year started out with a rollercoaster of obstacles. Starting with the late arrival of the 2000-2001 yearbooks, an unproductive first semester and an advisor change, the second semester proved to be a learning experience for all involved. New advisor Sarah Harger, and Marlene Zloza, from the Lowell Tribune, arrived in January with determination and a commitment to seeing the staff complete a yearbook they could deliver to the student body in September with pride. "What can I say, Sarah saved the book," responded Zloza. Seniors Jenifer Pillar, Caroline Parilac, Hania Nammari, Rusty Ramstrom, Jessica Cooper, and junior Ashley Greene and showed incredible dedication by coming in during the summer and spending countless hours completing unfinished spreads. "Although Marlene and I spent many hours ourselves editing and making corrections during the year and into the summer without the students, I was impressed with the students who felt committed enough to the finished product to lose part of their summer break by coming in and seeing this through. Marlene's help was essential and incredible as well. We have a great book to offer the student body this year," said Harger.

by Brandice Olivotto

THROUGH OUR EYES

What have you learned this year?

"I have learned how to use Adobe pagemaker and how much effort making a yearbook is."
Rachel Wielgos
Senior

"I have learned that teamwork counts."
Hania Nammari
Senior

"I have learned that newspaper is a lot of hard work."
Jen Ferry
Junior



Getting ready to start her spread, Kim Sypulski checks out her photo selections.



Catching the public's eye, Rya Nord and Niki Hanas show off the 2000 yearbook to promote 2002 sales. Nord and Hanas were great staff members. Nord stepped up this summer to help complete the book.



Jenn Jansky ponders her next spread in yearbook class and how she is going to get started on it. Jansky worked very hard during the year to complete the senior section. She also contributed to parts of the book that were not much fun to complete.



The Yearbook Staff

The 2001-2002 'Lowellian' Staff: (front) Jessica Cooper, Debra Ballas, Rusty Ramstrom, Jen Pillar, Jenn Jansky, Lindsay Peddy, Alana Garton, (second) Sarah Harger, Kim Oryhan, Sarah Rucker, Kristine Powers, Hania Nammari, Brandice Olivotto, Marlene Zloza, (third) Jessica Elliot, Ashley Greene, Kim Sypulski, Cori Hildebrandt, Caroline Parilac, Niki Hanas, (back) Matt Puskar, Tim McHugh, Nole Schuyler and Luke Smolik.

Let's get physical

PE and Health

Different lifestyles, attitudes, and morals all in one big scene. You would think that would be trouble. Life in PE and Health are far from that. The different interactions involved with PE is just pure fun. The students get to play games such as basketball, wiffle-ball, tennis, and much, much more. Getting the chance to interact with other types of people not only lets you see others in a different way, but teaches you lessons about how to get along with others. On the other hand, Health is a little more serious. You learn different things about your body and health-related topics. It is hard work, but every so often you get to watch an educational movie and have a little fun.

by Matt Puskar

what we think

Do you think PE should be required through all four years of high school?

53% Say Yes

27% Say No

20% Say Unsure

Joe Kersey pumps some iron during his 6-7 weightlifting class.





"Stan the Man" Stanford Scott pulls in an audience with his antics, as Andrew Stiener and Cassie Boesch look on in amazement.



As you can see, you need to get a good stretch in before activities, as senior Jill Porento demonstrates with a smile.



Dave Bruckman shows his bulging muscles while he does a tricep raise. His work in weightlifting class paid off when he placed third at the national level for his lifting in the all-around competition.

Through Our Eyes

What was the best part about PE and or Health?

"The interaction among different students in the variety of sports we played." **Rachel Wielgos**
Senior

"Mr. Kennedy calling me Polish Broad every day and leading stretches." **Kim Sypulski**
Senior

"The best part was being able to choose our daily workout as to which would suit me best, so I could get the best workout." **Kristin Scott**
Senior



Shane Gales shows his hard work and determination as Joe Vandercar looks on with astonishment.



Brian Sciackitano, Joe Vandercar, Jason Quanstrom, coach Kirk Kennedy, "Stan the Man" and Jake Crulcich take time out to have a little fun goofin' around in the weight room.

Let's learn about

Health Careers

This year, there was a new course offered to help students find a career in life. This class was taught at the high school and at St. Anthony Medical Center. Enrollment was small, but it was a great learning experience for those who did take this class. They got to learn many medical terms and medical procedures, like how to take someone's blood pressure. Health Careers even brought in a new teacher, Kathleen Hensley, a nurse at St. Anthony's who was another great part of this class.

by Michelle Smith



Diana Craven takes a mock patient's pulse to make sure that 'she' is on the road to recovery.



Ashley Bell had just learned how to take a blood pressure and shows Diana Craven what she learned.



Miss Hensley teaches Ashley Bell about the different bones in the human body. She told her to remember that "Milk does the body good".



Jackie Duncan, Diana Craven and Abby Ellis suit up in gowns and masks to show what they have learned in class.



Chief Wilson demonstrates to his class the effects of alcohol on the body. Jan Boyum willingly volunteered to attempt to walk a straight line while wearing the "drunk goggles".

When most people think of high school students and the police, they think the two groups couldn't get far enough away from each other. However, the 2001-2002 school year brought them much closer together. Lowell introduced a new law enforcement class this year, taught by two of Lowell's finest "boys in blue." The 1st and 2nd hour was taught by Lowell Chief of Police David Wilson, known mainly in class as "Chief" or the occasional "Mr. Wilson." The 8th and 9th hour class was led by Sergeant Todd Angerman, who is more than dedicated to the intellectual stimulation of his students. This two-hour course gives students an introduction to criminal justice, as well as the processes of our legal system. Students took field trips to the Lowell State Police Post for a look into careers in forensic science and to the Indiana State Penitentiary in Michigan City, where students got a glimpse into prison life. The students also participated in several police-related activities. The 2001-2002 year was definitely groundbreaking for the subject of law at Lowell High School. The first year was a great year and will be the foundation of this course for years to come.

by Kim Oryhan

THROUGH OUR EYES

What is your fondest memory of the law enforcement class?

"When Chief Wilson and Officer Nestor put on the drunk goggles and tried to walk a straight line."
Kristin Scott
Senior

"Probably the first day, not knowing what to expect and how the kids would react."
Chief David Wilson
Teacher

"When we went to Michigan City Prison and the lady guard yelled at Kristin Scott for wearing a belly shirt even though it wasn't. She was mean."
Misty Moore
Senior



Chrissy Talarek is subdued in a joint lock inflicted by Amanda Curtis during a defense training exercise.



Kim Oryhan volunteers as Safety Pup and instructs K-3 St. Edward School students on how to properly cross the street.

Chief Dave Wilson instructs his class on how to take fingerprints. He used Kristin Scott as his suspect in order to clearly show the students the process.



Let's learn about CISCO/ Computer Repair

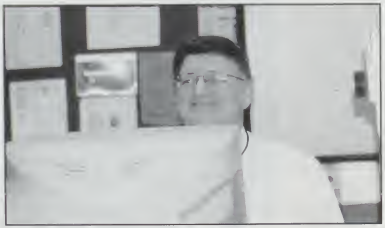
The CISCO and Computer Repair classes have learned through hands-on experience. First of all, these classes were held at the Central Office, not at the high school, where our technology department is located. There were a total of 12 students in CISCO and eight students in Computer Repair. Needless to say, not only were these classes new to the students, but a beneficial learning experience as well. After completing one of these classes, they have an opportunity of taking a certification test at the end of the year. If they pass the test they are able to go into the job world and start a career in the computer industry. The CISCO class offered practical experience by helping in networking the new labs at the middle school and the high school in Lab A-10.

by Michelle Smith

what we think

What did you like most about this class?

20% say Not being at the high school	**20% say** Experience
44% say Closed Rooms	**16% say** 2-hour break



Tri-Creek Technology Director and CISCO teacher Bob Hopper is amused by the program on his screen.

Trisa Aultman(top)suddenly confused by what hay come up on her screen.

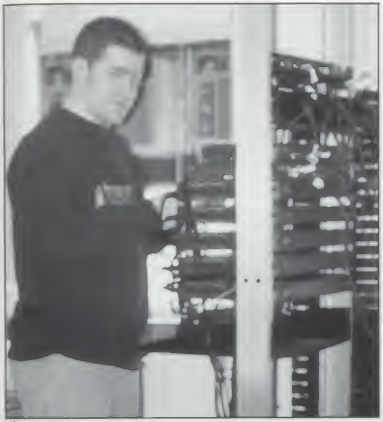
The Computer Repairs mascot watches over the students as they work hard.







Anthony Panozzo is stunned by the yearbook photographer. Panozzo worked daily on the computers during CISCO learning valuable skills to take with him into any career.



Andy Vassar connects the Networking system to the lab where his class takes place.



Andy Vassar, Luke Lukasik and Anthony Panozzo discuss a networking problem. Students in CISCO learn to problem-solve computer issues that occur everyday in the computer world.



Through Our Eyes

How has this class prepared you for the future?

"I can land a career in the computer field."
Lenny Gumienny
Junior

"There are things I learned that I can use when I am in college."
John Kriske
Senior

Instructor Blake Sheets writes his lesson plans for the day's work in the computer repairs class.



John Holding gets help from instuctor Blake Sheets on a program that he just started. Sheets has taught the computer repair class for two years at Lowell and the class has proven successful for students interested in working in the computer field after high school.

Let's listen to the BAND

SQUEAK! HMM! BLAP! These are some of the noises that can be heard from the band room at the beginning of the class. Each band, symphonic, concert, and percussion, uses the first few minutes of their hour to tune, correct posture, look over their music, and play some scales. When everyone is pretty much ready to rock and roll, Tim Kovarik, the director, steps up to the podium and discusses new information or any problems. When all is well, he raises his baton to start conducting. The bands play through their current songs, pausing to correct mistakes. After an hour of playing music and smoothing out the rough spots, the band kids pack up their instruments and put them away. This every day process was important because it got the musicians ready for their various concerts. They went to St. Louis to play in Bands Of America, to Disneyworld to play in the Magic Kingdom, to Lowell to play in the Labor Day Parade, and they performed in two concerts at the high school for their friends and family. This year has been an overall success for the members of Lowell High School's bands.

by Lindsay Peddy

What we think

What has been your favorite part about band?

- **42% say** Concerts
- **23% say** Marching Band
- **10% say** Class
- **25% say** Jazz Band



The Symphonic Band relaxes after playing through several of their songs. They usually practice three to four songs each class period.

Freshman Joey Klidaras adjusts his instrument in preparation for class.

The Concert Band tunes up at the beginning of the hour.







Kyle Bird, an extremely talented drummer, looks on as he contemplates his difficult drum beats.



Mr. Kovarik enthusiastically seeks input from his band class for their upcoming concert.

The symphonic, concert, and percussion classes march in the Lowell Labor Day Parade.





Steve Bohney, James Kerwin, Amanda Bright and Eric Koszlowski play together in percussion class.

Through Our Eyes

What is your most memorable moment from band this year?

"Getting to know everyone better on the bus trips was awesome."
Peggy Kidd
FRESHMAN

"I was duct-taped to a pole by the whole class."
Eric Abel
SENIOR

"Troy Govert got kicked out of class before it even started."
John Atwood
FRESHMAN



Skillfully playing the xylophone is sophomore Steve Bohney.

Marching to your own beat in

Drum Line & Winter Guard



Fearless Boomer Kerwin meets a new friend at a contest.

Drum Line

The Winter Drum Line spent plenty of 'Time' rehearsing their show at Lowell High School before heading to state competition on March 16th. There were sixteen musicians from Lowell High School who put it all on the drum line. They placed 14th in a field of 18 by scoring 78.6 out of a possible 100 points. They qualified for the state finals with a 12th place finish out of 24 teams at the state preliminaies two weeks earlier, scoring 75.3. 'Time' was the theme of their show, which featured a ticking clock in the background.

Winter Guard

The name of this year's Winter Guard show was 'Blue Shades' and they danced to three different songs: "I Will Survive", "Color Guard Kid" and "Devil Went Down To Georgia". They added color by using three different flags in the show, including a multi-colored banner, a Mardi Gras print and a green flag. The girls dramatized their performances with distinctive black make-up and black leotards matched with purple sashes or gold lame' tunics. They traveled by bus, sometimes for hours, to reach the competition sites at schools throughout the midwest. For good luck, the Guard did the hokey-pokey before each performance. They might not have brought home any trophies this year, but they will cherish their memories and the friendships they made.

by Hania Nammari



The 2001- 2002 LHS Drum Line: (front) Cameron Blunt, Kyle Govert, Amanda Bright, Robyn Finley, Sameerah Ahmad, Eric Kozlowski, Jake Kerwin, (back) Nick Gaspar, Matt Hoch, Chris Haugh, Donnie Smith, James Kerwin, Ryan Martin, Jason Gaspar, Jon Newton, Nick Dmitrovich and Josh Rowe.



Stylish Josh Rowe and Matt Hoch know, "The real trophy is in our hearts forever," said Rowe.



The Winter Guard shows some togtherness before a competition.



Finding space at Lowell Middle School, the Guard rehearses their show.

Jeanette Pittman gets all wrapped up in her flag as she rehearses for the show.



Through Our Eyes

What was your most memorable moment?

"Yelling while awards were handed out."
Cameron Blunt
sophomore

"Watching my brother break his nose on a skateboard while getting it on film."
Nick Gaspar
sophomore

"One time the heat didn't work on the bus heading to a competition and we had to sit three to a seat to keep warm."
Shana Holder
sophomore

"Getting ready for the competitions and the bus rides."
Jackie Kirkland
sophomore



The 2001-2002 LHS Winter Guard: (front) Heather Propes, Nikki Stansberry, Jessica Ward, (back) instructor Alicia Stefek, Tasha Clemens, Shana Holder, Desiree' Wilson, Christina Schmelter, Jackie Kirkland, and instructor Tara Zimmerman. Not pictured: Jeanette Pittman.

Singing from the heart and soul

Choir

Whether you're in Debutantes, Voicemale, Chorale, Accents, or Premiere Distinction, you love to sing and to be heard by the public. Choir gives these students a chance to do what they love to do. Singing is a gift and many people have chosen to use that gift by singing in choir. The public couldn't have been any more supportive by filling the seats at the Christmas Concert, Purdue Concert, and Showcase 2002. This year the choir director, Andy Anderson, bids farewell to his first class of sixth graders as they graduate. Many of the students have been in the program for all these years, while others have joined along the way, but they all came together to put on some awesome shows this year.

by Rusty Ramstrom

Katrina Csepiga, Sarah Bult and Chris Rosevear sing in class to prepare vocally for Showcase.



Shelley Hardesty, Isaiah Mercado, (second) Rusty Ramstrom, Josh Holder, Megan Doffin, (third) Jerermy Shares, Nate Oaf, (fourth) Korey Klidaras, Katrina Csepiga, Ashley Jurs, (fifth) Josh Razavi, Abby Sutton and Chris Rosevear practice a little R-E-S-P-E-C-T for their next performance.



What we think

What was your favorite choir event this year?

41% say	52% say
Purdue Concert	Showcase
5% say	**2% say**
Christmas Concert	Performing Arts Assembly



Katie Eich, Phoebe Crabb, Amber Corey, Nicole Stansberry and Jessica Cleveland relax after their hard work in Showcase. They were all members of 'Accents'.

Heather Stevens, Mindy Hochmuth, Amy Lee, Gayle Schmelter, (middle) Toni Clapp, Tina Arnold, Heidi Schantz, Gena Ritsema, Megan Jung, Jessica Gray, Katie Vanes, (back) Nicole Johnson and Jennifer Lenzo show how strong the bonds of friendship are in choir. These girls, all members of the all-girls show choir, put on many wonderful shows this year.





Graduates (front) Abby Sutton, Jenn Lichtle, Ashlee Davis, Jessica Klidaras, Katrina Csepiga, Deb Ballas, Ashley Jurs, (back) Megan Schoon, Rusty Ramstrom, Anthony Shoun, Josh Holder, and Sarah Bult sing a heartfelt song called "Goodbye My Friend" at graduation.

What did you get out of your Choir experience here at Lowell High School?

"Being a part of choir has helped me learn about discipline and dedication. I will always have great memories about LHS choir."

Chris Rosevear
SOPHOMORE

"Choir was my favorite class ever, and I knew that doing this spread in yearbook class would show how much hard work and dedication I have to finish things."

Debra Ballas
SENIOR

"This class has inspired me to do what I want to do in life. I owe all that I have learned to Mr. Anderson for helping me succeed in my dream. Thanx!"

Rusty Ramstrom
SENIOR



Nicole Cummins and Isaiah Mercado warm up their voices at the beginning of class. The moment the bell rings the class stands up and warms up their voices. After the warm-up they go over their song selections and other choreography they need to practice to make each show the best it can be.

Let's learn about Agriculture

This year the 2001-2002 Agriculture class took on new tasks. They planted many of the plants that are surrounding our school. In this class they learned how to treat plants from day one, how animals react to the plants that we have on our earth, and learned how to plant things without using soil and water in what is called Aeroponics. There were also leadership skills taught in this class. Not everyone can do the same job at once. They were so proud of their planting that they decided to plant new flowers around our school. Within the next couple years they will have a greenhouse that will be brought in with our new addtion, something for younger students to look forward to.

by Michelle Smith

Michael Lopez takes a break and sits on top of the tractor in the ag area. Lopez is a second year ag student.





Bobby Hayden discusses with a classmate where the mulch will go for that day.



Mr. Garling speaks to his class about the different cuts of meat that come from the animals.





Aeroponics? Aaron Levin and Kyle Madison discuss how well the plants are growing without water and soil. Madison was not a part of this year's Agriculture class, but he took this class in the past. He came down to see the new things that they have this year.

Doug Parker rests on the stack of mulch. Don't let this picture fool you. He wasn't taking a break; he was counting the bags of mulch.

Milan Tanasijevich and Bruce Bigbie work on Bigbie's car together. Bigbie likes that he can take his own car into the shop and work on it when there is a problem.





Mr. Harvey props the hood, preparing to take a look at a car, while Mike Camarino (left) gets ready to assist.

THROUGH OUR EYES

What do you like most about the Auto Mechanics class?

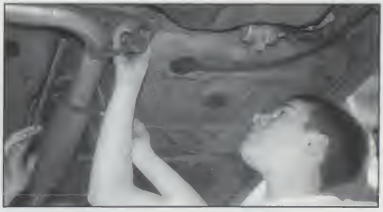
"It gives us an opportunity to learn things about cars so that we can fix them ourselves instead of getting charged a lot of money."

~ Bruce Bigbie
SENIOR



Brian Cross gets down and dirty working on a car.

Jake Hefner checks out a car on the lift. He was enrolled in the introductory Auto Shop class.



The purpose of the Auto Mechanics class is to train students in everything from basic engine design to the more complex systems of today. There are two Auto Shop courses, the first class is a two-period class that consists of about 50% classwork, which is mostly bookwork, where students can actually see the parts up close. The other 50% is actual work in the shop, repairing vehicles brought in by appointment, for work ranging from an oil change to a major engine overhaul. Some students continue with the second Auto Shop course, which is a three-period class that consists of 90% shop work and 10% classwork. Teacher Bob Harvey hopes the students come out with "the knowledge it takes to repair the vehicles of today and the future".

by Tim McHugh

The low-down on Auto Shop

Showing our appreciation for Art

Art is one thing in Lowell High School that is always changing. Even though the class structure itself doesn't change much, each student who has worked in the art room has added a change to the class. By bringing their own personal visions of the projects, they alter each experience with art into their classes. Lowell also gives students a chance to grow with art. Starting with two dimensional, they advance into either three-dimensional art, paintings, or ceramics. For the exceptional students, a select few hand-picked by Susan Thomas, the advanced studio art class is available. For students who were unable to take an art class, Art Club was available to help get their artistic energies flowing. Despite only a handful of students joining Art Club, there were still many wonderful pieces created. When looking at the 2001-2002 year from an artistic perspective, it was a fantastical tapestry of different styles, emotions, and culture all rolled into a spectacular masterpiece.

by Kim Oryhan

Exchange students Johanna Kalikka and Hanna Vickhoff finish up their final projects for ceramics.

Teacher Tom Sufana gives a demonstration to a few of his students on how to stretch canvas.





what we think

Why did you take an art class this year?

39% say A way to express myself creatively

22% say As an alternative to academics

22% say I figured it would be a blow off

17% say To learn new techniques and styles of art



Renee Bult proudly displays her painting. "I liked working with the dramatic changes between blacks and whites," she explained.

Junior Lloyd Besaw, working with acrylic paints, is doing a hard edge painting, which means it can't blend in.



Through Our Eyes

What was your favorite project this year and why?

"The windchime project because I did it over my zodiac sign so it represents me." Abby Smith SENIOR

"The black and white painting, it was the first painting I did and I enjoyed it because it made me look at things with an artist's perspective." Kristin Scott SENIOR

"The water color probably, because I didn't know about water colors and now I really like using them." Nole Schuyler JUNIOR

"My favorite part about art class is spending quality time with Mr. Sufana, and dealing with the bundles of joy he throws in our faces everyday ." Nick Sciackitano SENIOR



Sitting in front of the easel in his studio art class, Nick Collom stares off in search of inspiration. This artist is obviously putting all of himself into his work.





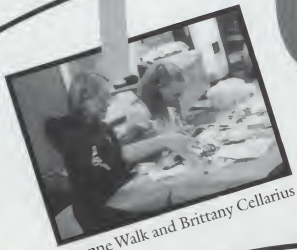


Jessica Gable carefully works on a ceramic piece inspired by the movie "Stigmata."

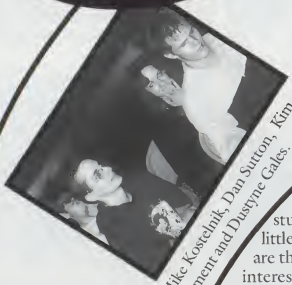
Megan Peart, working on a project for her art class, shows off her skills using the airbrush.

The 2001-2002 Art Club consisted of a handful of students who enjoy taking time out to create a masterpiece. Peyton Finley, Jane Powers, Ryan Pickart, Elysa Rust, Sarah Foster, and Kim Oryhan.

Clubs



Jenanne Walk and Brittany Cellarius



Mike Koselnik, Dan Sutton, Kim Clement and Dustyne Gales.

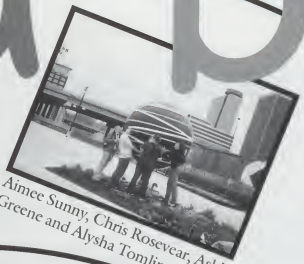
Lowell High School students became more involved in clubs this year. The large freshman class helped contribute to this. Clubs give students a chance to have fun and laugh a little while learning new skills after school. Clubs are the best way to meet new friends with similar interests. Along with new friends, students are able to form relationships with teachers and know them on a more personal level.

"Student Council was so much fun this year! I loved raking and going to Lemon Lake! It was good times!"
-Rya Nord

"Drama Club was an awesome way to see all my friends after school and laugh until our stomaches hurt. I love you all and hope to work with you on Broadway someday!"
-Rusty Ramstrom

"I'm so *confused!* Where are all these flying bottles coming from? You know what I need?"
-Luke Reed

Clubs



Aimee Sunny, Chris Rosevear, Ashley Greene and Alysha Tomlins



Steve Yeagley and Ashley Comstock

Whether it be playing improvisation games at Drama Club or speaking in a different language in Spanish Club, working at the car wash for Letterman's Club, or making up new songs for Unplugged Club, students have a great time in clubs. Clubs offer a variety of ways for students to become more involved in Lowell High School and help make the years spent here more memorable.

"Drama Club definitely got much better, more fun and interesting this year with all the new people who joined!" -Katie Eich

"Mrs. Harger is the greatest! I had a jolly good time with all the other Student Council members."
- Caroline Parilac

"My favorite part of being in National Honor Society was traveling to the Dunes and doing an environmental clean-up!"
-Jess Cooper

ROTC

Serving The Community

The USAF Junior ROTC Unit has been a part of Lowell High School since 1969. ROTC is a major service organization within the community. They participate in a number of charity events and food drives, and as volunteers for local events. Also, the ROTC color guard presents the flags for Lowell athletic events, as well as other dedications and ceremonies. The students learn to work in groups and improve their public speaking skills. The students especially enjoy their field trips as well as summer camp and flying in a KC-135 Tanker. They gain satisfaction from helping out the community, as well as cultivating other virtues such as patience and self-discipline.

by Cori Hildebrandt



Greg Dollinar, Desiree Wilson, Amber Schmidt, Carl Mink, and Pheobe Crabb presented wreaths at the Veterans Day Ceremony.



Steve Bohney and Amber Schmidt at ROTC summer camp

ROTC is a good chance for students to show their leadership skills. -Adam French



The Color Guard marched in the annual Popcorn Parade in Valparaiso.



The JROTC unit visited the AF museum in Dayton, Ohio. They are seen here in front of a B1-Bomber.

Making It Real

FFA is a club that 'grows' out of the Agriculture Class. This year's club took on a community service project that consisted visiting Three Creeks Elementary school and reading to kindergaten children. It was a great day for those who participated. Annual events include the Hog Roast and the Pork Chop Dinner. FFA, in conjunction with the Agriculture class, is expanding through the addition of a horticulture area. The next few years will prove to be exciting for this group.

by Michelle Smith



FFA officers Tom Mitsch and Diana Moyer take a moment to put their heads together on plans for next year.



Ryan Kersey tasted the pork to make sure it was done so it could be served. He didn't want to disappoint the hungry crowd.

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A new toy the FFA might acquire in the near future.



Tom Mitsch enjoys reading to the kindergartners as a community service project chosen by the FFA.



Alan Duttlinger sews the pig back together after it was taken apart for the Hog Roast. The Hog Roast is a big event every year and it is something that attracts teachers and staff to the ag area of LHS.

LETTERMEN'S CLUB

Service and Leadership

The Lettermen's Club is one of the most profound organizations presently found at Lowell High School. The Club consists of nearly one hundred student athletes, twenty of which make up the Lettermen's Club Council under the direction of Athletic Director Don Bales. The Lettermen's Club is dedicated to serving the community as well as sports programs throughout the year. This year the club sponsored the annual car wash, fish fry, walked in the Labor Day Parade, helped the Special Education sports programs and held regular meetings. The proceeds from many of these events went to the scholarships that the club gives during the Senior Sports Banquet to members who plan to further their education. The goals of the organization are to instill qualities such as leadership, respect and responsibility into students to lead the nation.

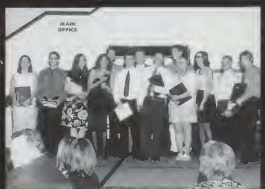
by Jessica Cooper

Kelly Adams Scholarship- Rob Bryant
Ron Willis Scholarship- Rob Bryant
Lettermen's Club Scholarship- Jess Cooper and Anthony Panozzo
Kay Sampson Scholarship- Eric Holleyand Caroline Parilac
Mel Henig Scholarship- Rachel Huseman and Marc Keilman
Doug Pratt Scholarship- Marc Keilman
Pepsi Scholarship- Rachel Wielgos
Lowell Physical Therapy Scholarship- Katrina Csepiga



Nick Brill, Ryan Brown, Meghan Steuer, Kristin Kania, Katie Fedler and Marc Keilman participate in the 2001 Lowell Labor Day parade.

Senior members of the Lettermen's Club Council were honored at the Senior Sports Banquet for their dedication to the club: Meredith Cusic, Tyler Reed, Jessica Cooper, Rachel Wielgos, Eric Holley, Andy Vassar, A.D. Don Bales, Matt Puskar, Anthony Panozzo, Rachel Huseman, Jesica Pillar, Rob Bryant and David Bruckman.



"I feel confident in the leadership qualities that this team has brought to the table." -Andy Vassar-



L-Club: (front) Kristin Kania, Rachel Wielgos, Andy Vassar, Dave Bruckman, Jesica Pillar, Meredith Cusic, Tyler Reed, Justin Bales, Anthony Panozzo, Matt Puskar, Jess Cooper, Nick Brill, Lenny Gumienny, Katie Fedler, (second2) Meghan Steuer, Eric Holley, Gina Hathaway, Donna Conley, Erin Kopka, Molly Novak, Sarah Martin, Johanna Hess, Rebecca Parilac, Laretta Toomey, Kyle Govert, Mike Malamatos, Desiree Dandurand, Rob Bryant, Rachel Huseman, (third) McKensey Wietbrock, Megan Bachinski, Tiffany Meyers, Debra Ballas, Rachel Nida, Chad Wietbrock, Krystal Krocker, Lindsey French, Brynn O'Keefe, Nicole Cummins, Jess Lukasik, Danny Malamatos, Alana Garton, Alysha Tomlins, Niki Hanas, Nick Runyon, (fourth) Amanda Gasparovic, Megan Reid, Lesley Koza, Toni Clapp, Ashley Jurs, Jake Crulcich, Shylah Hulsey, Derek Hoots, Sean Anderson, Kristin Scott, Teresa Lenzo, Caroline Parilac, Jessica Yates, Kendall Shultz, Katrina Csepiga, Katie Cooper, (fifth) Beth Benecki, Emily Huber, Katie Mitchell, Dustin Hudak, Scott Keithley, Brooke Bell, Kristen Lamb, Jen Pillar, Jeremy Schares, Jason Montoya, Katie Sullivan, Mary Erpelding, Jen Lindemer, Gayle Schmelter, John Kuiper, Matt Roberts, (back) Brian Jones, Cody VanDeursen,Brian Sciackitano, BJ Beckrich, Steve Maloney, Mike Marzotto, Andrew Stiener, Garrett Thiel, Nick Williams, Ryan Kersey, Luke Lukasik, Mike Lopez, Marc Keilman, Sean Griffin and Mike Marszalek.



The Lettermen's Club Council congratulates the Special Education Volleyball Team on its State title.



Daniel Lang became a vital part of the Lettermen's Club this year through his great commitment to service. He also entertained club members by singing songs requested during meetings.



L-Club President Tyler Reed falls off of the pads after completing a pole vault. Tyler also participated in football and wrestling.

-Jen Pillar-

"I had a great time this year as a member of the L-Club."



Jen Pillar and Anthony Panozzo, two very dedicated L-Club members, operate the concessions booth for a home track meet.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

The "Smart People" Club

National Honor Society is a group of juniors and seniors who have a 3.5 GPA or higher. In addition to being strong academically, these students are also involved in other aspects, such as extracurricular activities and community service. Although some like to call the members "nerds," these students work hard to improve the community. NHS participates in the Angel Tree Project, this year raising $2,100 and buying presents for 32 needy children, the Cystic Fibrosis Walk, Saint Jude's Trivia Quiz and Dunes Clean-up, among others. The favorite project, almost unanimously, is the Dunes Clean-Up. This year it was freezing, but the NHS'ers braved the cold and worked hard nevertheless. The members had some fun in return for all of their work this year, and of course, the Dunes became a lot cleaner. National Honor Society focuses on four qualities, outlined at the Induction Ceremony: Scholarship, Character, Service, and Leadership. All of these qualities were held by all of the NHS members, who also took a pledge to uphold the National Honor Society values. Being a member of National Honor Society is a great privilege. Mrs Iussig, The National Honor Society sponsor stated, "National Honor Society memebers are the best and the brightest at Lowell High School. These students excel in the classroom as well as in other areas and give of themselves to so many people."

by Jenifer Pillar

2001-2002 National Honor Society: (front) Jenifer Pillar, Nick Sciackitano, Eric Holley, (second row) Katie Fedler, Jennifer Lichtle, Rachel Huseman, Shannon Hemm, Tim Misiora, Katrina Csepiga, Katie Eich, Jessica Barker, Beth Benecki, (third row) Alana Garton, Meredith Cusic, Lynette Kregel, Meghan Steuer, Nicole Hanas, Jason Butchart, Sean Anderson, Amanda Gasparovic, Jessica Cooper, Diana Moyer, (back) Sarah Bult, Alan Duttlinger, Justin Bales, Ryan Martin, Steve Rust, Anthony Panozzo, Adam Erpelding, Matt Roberts and Ann Mlynarczyk. Not pictured: Stephanie Butler, Dan Fisher, Jesse Hubert, Heather Rosenwinkel, Megan Schoon, Sarah Thompson, Andy Vassar, Kelsey Brown, Isaac Brownfield, Kim Goodrich, Kyle Kras, Sarah Perfetti, Tyler Reed, Jeremy Schares, Kendall Schultz and Sarah Straughen.



2001-2002 National Honor Society Officers:
President: Nick Sciackitano
Vice President: Eric Holley
Treasurer: Sarah Thompson
Secretary: Jenifer Pillar

The NHS members leave the high school on their way to walk for Cystic Fibrosis. Jennifer Lichtle, Katie Fedler, Megan Schoon, Jessica Cooper, Kendall Schultz, Megan Steuer, Sarah Perfetti, Nick Sciackitano, Sean Anderson, Kim Goodrich, Anthony Panozzo and Mrs. Iussig, as well as Eric Holley and Jenifer Pillar (not pictured), walked from LHS across town and back to raise money for this great cause and were lucky to have a beautiful day for the event. Jessica Cooper said, "It was great fun. Sarah Perfetti and I had a blast jumping on the trampoline!"



"The Dunes were dirty, so we cleaned them up. It was a great service project. This was definitely my favorite one!" -Adam Erpelding



Adam Erpelding holds up one of the treasures he found at the Dunes. The NHS'ers trudged through the sand on their quest for garbage and found a lot of interesting things, such as this toliet paper dispenser.



Anthony Panozzo, Eric Holley, Steve Rust and Dan Fisher take a break from garbage pick-up at the Dunes for a game of football. The game did not last long due to the freezing temperatures.



Alana Garton is working hard on the St. Jude's Trivia Quiz. The members got to enjoy pizza and pop as they completed the quiz, raising $245 for the research center.



Nick Sciackitano, Jessica Cooper, Eric Holley and Anthony Panozzo stop for a break at The Last Drop coffee shop before they head back through Lowell to complete the Cystic Fibrosis Walk. The walk took the members about 2 hours, including the stop, which was not too bad for a Saturday morning.

Meredith Cusic, Megan Schoon, Kim Goodrich and Kendall Schultz are all bundled up for the weather. These girls, along with the other members who had enough service points to attend this trip, each collected at least a bag of trash at the Dunes.



"You gotta love Bert's Bagels and Jen Pillar! Oh, and of course cleaning the environment!" -Meredith Cusic

Striking a Chord

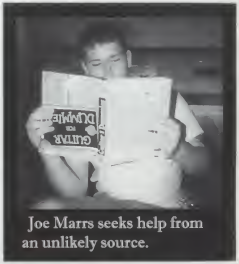
UNPLUGGED

The few students who attend the Unplugged Club enjoy weekly jam sessions with one another. At first, the meetings were held in Mike Peterson's room, C-18, after school every Thursday, but later in the year the sessions were changed to before school at about 7:30 in the morning. The students help each other learn to play the guitar, as well as improve their own acoustic skills.

by Cori Hildebrandt



Denita Weeks tunes her guitar while others arrive in the morning.



Joe Marrs seeks help from an unlikely source.



Nick Travis, a regular at the Unplugged Club, enjoys playing his guitar.



Mike Peterson takes the time to teach Marty Freeman some guitar basics. Mr. Peterson was the club sponsor.



Lyle Crabb, Joe Marrs, and Mike Peterson meet after school to play their guitars.

Oh, the drama!

DRAMA CLUB

Playing "The Dating Game", "Who's Line Is It Anyway?", and "The Bus Game" are just some of the things that drama students did this year at their meetings. They also talked about upcoming auditions and other important events happening during the year in their 'Drama'tic lives.

by Rusty Ramstrom



New sponsor Hallie Apple (center) shows Rusty Ramstrom and Natalie Oliverio what her plans are for the second semester of Drama.



Nikki Eaton shows off her talent by making papier-mache rocks for the Spring show.



The Drama Club: (front) Hallie Apple, Ashley Comstock, Steve Yeagley, Amber Corey, Janet Snyder, (second) Weineke Van Rens, Sarah Martin, Kelly Blandford, Roxann Poor, Lezlee Wontorski, Dana Stewart, Jenn Lichtle, Beth Benecki, (third) Ashley Stephan, Jen Yeagley, Katie Eich, Kim Clement, Dan Lang, Jessica Panozzo, Erin Aquino, Ashley Wright, Ana Baiel, (fourth) Nick Collom, Jordan Graegin, Dustyne Gales, Lyle Crabb, Mike Kostelnik, Kyle Yung, Abby Sutton, Donald Burbach, (back) Nikki Eaton, Dan Sutton, Nicki Vesper, Zach Wright, Rusty Ramstrom and Shay Travis.

MEDIA CLUB

The morning announcements were broadcast every day before the syndicated Channel One show to the students of Lowell high School. It brought the student body together to know what was going on in the school, upcoming sports, lunch menus, information about school dances and special events, student and teacher announcements and scholarship information. Although it was sometimes a challenge to find announcers, the same group was always working behind the scenes. Mike Saberniak, Alan Duttliner, Adam French, Dave Cichowski and Steve Bouquet were always busy preparing for and presenting the morning announcements. Some of the regular announcers in the morning were Anthony Shoun, Dan Blaskovich, Michelle Smith, Kristen Pritchard, Jessica Cleveland, Isaac Mercado, Shawn Brown, Jeff St. Martin, Mindy Hochmuth, Abby Smith, Shannon Summers, Beth Benecki, Luke Reed, and Josh Razavi, as well as others. Dustin Hudak and Dave Bruckman even became regulars until their off-the-wall humor caused the network to cancel their show. Variety in the morning announcements was never a problem.

by Hania Nammari



The Media Club: (front) Mike Saberniak, (back) Alan Duttlinger, Adam French, Dave Cichowski and Steve Bouquet.

announcements together." -Abby Smith

"When my best friend Shannon Summers and I got to go on morning announcements."

What was your most memorable moment this year for morning announcements?

What was your favorite moment this year watching morning announcements?

who could drink the most." -Beth Benecki

"When Zach Wright and Josh Razavi had an orange juice drinking contest to see

minute before we went on." -Luke Reed

"When I got asked by Mrs. Hoots to appear on morning announcement one

What was your most memorable moment this year for morning announcements?

Making a Difference

S A D D

S.A.D.D. stands for Students Against Destructive Decisions. Club members meet every Friday before school. At the weekly meetings they discuss ways to discourage underage drinking and drug use. Other topics include ways to be positive role models and positive influences on others.

by Cori Hildebrandt



S.A.D.D. members (front): Michelle Mentink, Kristen Pritchard, Vicky Hathaway, (back): Donna Conley, Shay Travis, Laretta Toomy, and Emily Hoyt.



The safety pup stands next to the seat belt enforcement zone sign. S.A.D.D. reminded everyone to wear seat belts.



Sidney Schuttrow does the limbo at the S.A.D.D.-sponsored dance. All proceeds benefitted the American Red Cross.



Bust a move Cameron Blunt!



Club members listen as Kristen Pritchard (president) introduces the topic of the day's discussion.

Speaking Spanish

SPANISH CLUB

Over the years, the Spanish Club has given students a chance to enjoy the Spanish language outside of the classroom atmosphere. They are able to learn about different cultures and interact with others who share a similar intrest in the Spanish language and culture. They especially enjoy making Mexican foods such as churros, quesadillas and enchiladas. The Spanish Club celebrates holidays such as Kings Day, Christmas, and Cinco de Mayo on May 5. The students especially enjoyed making sugar skulls to celebrate El día de los muertos (Day of the Dead).

by Cori Hildebrandt



Club members are recognized for their achievements at the end of the year Spanish Banquet.



Mike Marzotto, Brandon Verkler, and Justin Bales at the Spanish Mercado.



(front): Katie Eich (vice president), Steve Yeagley (president), Brittany Cellarius (treasurer), (middle): Amee Sunny, Michelle Mentink, Sameerah Ahmad, Lisa Early, Natalie Bruce, Mrs. Ryser (club sponsor), (back): Heather Kutemeier, Ashlee Smith, Chris Drazba, Nathan Cundiff, Shay Travis, Katie Cooper, and Emily Hoyt.

Katie Eich and Brittany Cellarius recieve congratulations from Mrs. Lori Ryser at the annual Spanish Banquet.



STUDENT COUNCIL

Leading The Way

Ten people, hundreds of decorations, thousands of ideas... one task. "Planning dances is my favorite part of Student Council. Anything you could dream of having is a possibility," said freshman Aimee Sunny. Throughout the year, Student Council members are responsible for planning student activities such as Spirit Week, Homecoming, Winter Formal, Battle of the Bands, Sadie's, and Prom. The organization also dedicates time to community service activities, including the annual Food Drive and Blood Drive, as well as visits to the Lowell Healthcare Center. "Clean-up days are an opportunity for sophomore Student Council members to influence the school environment in a positive manner," said sophomore Mindy Hochmuth. As an IASC Honor Council for the fourth consecutive year, the Lowell Student Council utilizes the majority of the funds raised from activities to donate to charities, such as Riley Children's Hospital, as well as to attend leadership workshops. The workshops and conferences are at both the state and national level and provide the student leaders with unique oportunities to learn about themselves, as well as how to motivate others. "Student Council is an opportunity for me to work with my peers to plan dances and other activities. It is also a great way to interact with my friends and meet new people," added Hochmuth.

by Lindsay Peddy and Heather Rosenwinkel



The 2001-2002 Student Council: (front) Mindy Hochmuth, secretary, Alexis Wolters, activities coordinator, Heather Rosenwinkel, president, Meredith Cusic, vice-president, Luke Reed, treasurer, (second row) Ashley Boyer, Amy Denton, Kim Clement, Bobby Ballas, Brianna Lambert, Ray Borchert, Erin Aquino, Brynn O'Keefe, (third row) Angie Kutanovski, Toni Clapp, Chris Rosevear, Amy Conn, Ashley Greene, Alysha Tomlins, Brooke Morgan, Aimee Sunny, (fourth row) Shannon Hemm, Kristin Kania, Jeremy Schares, Lynette Kregel, Loni Childress, (back) Advisor Mrs. Sarah Harger, Diana Craven, Beth Benecki, Rob Bryant, Kim Sypulski, Caroline Parilac, Rachel Huseman, Ashley Jurs, and Junior Class Sponsor Scott Coil.

"Working with such a great group of kids who want to make a difference is one of the greatest benefits of being a teacher. I enjoyed every minute of my time spent with them, and I thank them for sharing their talents with me as well as the entire school."

-Sarah Harger, Student Council Advisor

Mindy Hochmuth and Amy Conn address cans for a Valentine's Day fund-raiser. They sold the student body cans of orange, red, and purple Crush for $1.00 to send to their secret "crushes". All money raised was donated to Riley Children's Hospital, just one of the organizations they raised money to support.



to get new ideas to bring back and try with our own group." -Lynette Kregel "Going to conferences allowed us



Lynette Kregel finds herself in a bind during a team building activity at the LEAD 2002 Conference. Students attended this conference as well as state and district workshops during the year to encourage them to continue their role as leaders for the student body.

Council." - Alysha Tomlins "I really feel like I contributed a lot to my school by being in



Alysha Tomlins in a sewer at the Science City museum. They visited while at the LEAD 2002 Conference in Kansas City, Missouri, where they honed their leadership skills.



Lynette Kregel, Chris Rosevear, Alysha Tomlins and Ashley Greene create a memoryin KC while Amy Conn and Aimee Sunny stand in amazement.



Alysha Tomlins, Lynette Kregel, Ashley Greene, Mrs. Sarah Harger, Amy Conn, Ms. Jennifer Vavrek, Aimee Sunny, and Chris Rosevear stop in front of a fountain in Kansas City while at the LEAD 2002 Conference. This conferences allows student leaders to come together to meet Student Council members from across the country, learn leadership skills, and gather ideas to bring home.

Alysha Tomlins and Luke Reed vigorously print messages on Valentine's Day cards that will be delivered to the Lowell Health Care Center. Much of the Council's time was spent serving the community.

wonderful lady." -Luke Reed working with Mrs. Harger. She is a "I have immensely enjoyed



ACADEMIC TEAMS

More than a bunch of nerds

This year has been quite rewarding for Spell Bowlers, Decathletes, Super Bowlers, and JETS. Spell Bowl kicked off the academic year by placing sixth at the Gavit Regional. "My most memorable experience of Spell Bowl was getting a perfect score at competition," exclaimed Denita Weeks. Decathletes began the year with mass study sessions throughout the summer. Hard work paid off when the team won the K.V. Invite in December. In January, the team gave a stunning performance at the K.V. Regional by placing third, qualifying for state. At state, the Decathletes received third-place in the Large School Division, beating out bigger area schools Valparaiso, Chesterton, Lake Central, and Munster. When asked if she found her Academic Decathlon experience rewarding, Ellie Smyth said, "Absolutely. I can now give a speech in front of strangers, take tests for long periods of time, and be interviewed by strangers without throwing up." However, the fun did not stop there! The Junior Engineering Technical Society (JETS) had a great time at their contest held at Purdue Calumet. Their superlative intelligence and dashing looks struck fear into the hearts of their competitors. "With confidence and raised eyebrows, we destroyed the questions. There was no match for the LHS JETS team!" stated Steve Rust with confidence. Last to step up to the plate was the Super Bowl Team. This year's topic was the *Years Between the Wars*, which the team studied with joy. The team won first place at both the Munster and K.V. Invites, and the Science and Interdisciplinary Teams captured first-place finishes at the Merrillville Regional. "Super Bowl is super fun. The topic this year was quite unique and interesting. I am so happy to be a part of the prestigious English team," claimed Jen Pillar. As a whole, this year has been one of the best ever. Not only did the teams capture several top placements, but they also have created strong bonds of friendship that will last for a lifetime.

by Jessica Lynn Cooper



Academic Teams: (front) Kyle Govert, Katie Cooper, Rachel Martin, Anthony Panozzo, Denita Weeks, Lesley Wontorski, Natalie Bruce, (middle) Katie Mitsch, Meredith Cusic, Mike Fisher, Sean Anderson, Brooke Morgan, Sarah Straughen, Jon Parker, Rachel Keilman, Carol Cutler, Donnie Smith, Toni Clapp, Jeanette Pittman, (back) Caroline Vaandrager, Alysha Tomlins, Lynette Kregel, Jess Cooper, Jesica Pillar, Jane Powers, Adam Erpelding, Eric Holley, Jen Pillar, Ellie Smyth, Janet Snyder, Katie Eich and Beth Benecki.



JETS: (front) Katie Fedler, Sean Anderson, Eric Duttlinger, Katrina Csepiga, (back) teacher John Becker, Eric Holley, Steven Rust, Sean Griffin, Justin Bales and teacher Larry Ouwenga.

The Super Bowl Interdisciplinary Team, composed of Katie Mitsch, Dan Fisher, Jessica Cooper and Adam Erpelding, are confident as competition begins. The Interdisciplinary Team faced questions from all five areas of study: English, science, math, fine arts and social studies. They earned a first-place finish at the Merrillville Regional.



"Super Bowl was Super! The only thing better is possibly watching Zoolander five times, seriously," -Adam Erpelding-



The Social Studies Team (top), consisting of Jon Parker, Adam Erpelding and Janet Snyder, and the Science Team (bottom) of Mike Fisher, Eric Holley and Dan Fisher, both at the Merrillville Super Bowl competition.

"Decathlon is probably one of the most memorable experiences this year," -Ellie Smyth-



Ellie Smyth is all smiles with the medal she earned for Math at the State Decathlon competition held in Indianapolis. Ellie was also awarded a medal for her essay on the Internet.



Coaches Joe Gianotti and Megan Tussig take attendance before loading the bus for the Munster Spell Bowl Regional.



After a hard day's work of tests, speeches, interviews and essays, Jess Cooper, Jes Pillar, Ellie Smyth, and Caroline Vaandrager are all smiles. The girls had a terrific performance with several top places at the K.V. Decathlon Regional, once again proving that hard work does pay off.

Caroline Vaandrager and Anthony Panozzo look in awe as the Interdisciplinary Team earns a first-place finish at the Merrillville Super Bowl Regional.

"Super Bowl was a great time for me to hang out with my friends, Anthony and Jon P." -Caroline Vaandrager-



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Varstiy Football Team



Sarah Martin and Alysha Tomlins

If you were to look at high school through the eyes of a student athlete, you would get a much different view than that of just a student. Not that being a student is not hard; it is! But choosing to do something more seems somewhat crazy, yet so many at LHS choose to do so. These athletes must not only show dedication to their chosen sports, but must also keep up their grades.

"I have formed a huge bond with all of my teammates. They're not only my friends, but also my sisters."
-Rya Nord

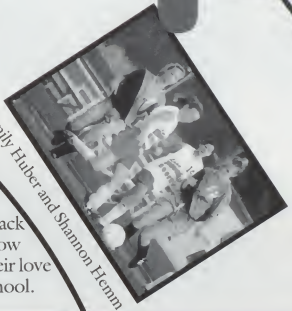
"My favorite sport to watch is football, by far. The atmosphere is great and everything is so intense- doesn't get much better than that!" -Caroline Parilac

"I am so glad I chose to take up tennis. I love the game and I love my team. Thanks for a great year, girls!" -Jesica Pillar

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Steve Smith and Kyle Spicer



Emily Huber and Shannon Henn

Athletics had a great year this year and will undoubtably improve in the future. The determination of these extraordinary athletes is seen through their seasons and through their high school academic careers. Looking back on high school for them will definitely show stress, but more importantly will show their love and dedication to their sport and their school.

"I'm so glad I joined the swim team during high school. It has been a great experience." - Anthony Panozzo

"Soccer is the best sport ever! That's why it is so big all around the world."- Adam Erpelding

"Football and wrestling were so great. Thanks to my coaches and teammates, this year was the best yet." -Matt Puskar

Quips Quotes

If you could say anything to your fellow football players you are leaving behind, what would you say?



Bob Szafranski

"Keep playing tough and keep up the good work."



Matt Puskar

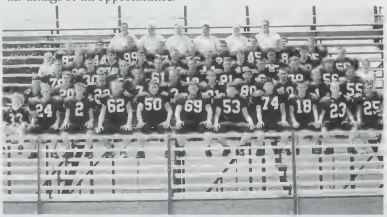
"Cherish your time on the field. It will be the most memorable time of your life."

Allen Houchins looks down the offensive line of Andy Vassar, Andrew Stiener, and Chris Marzotto to call a play. The team was always ready for action.





The Red Devils pause to re-group. Dave Bruckman, Sean Anderson, Brandon Verkler, Tyler Reed, Eric Anderson, and Luke Lukasik wait for the next play. The team always worked hard to take advantage of all opportunities.



The 2001 Football Team: (front) ball boy Jefferson Stewart, David Schoon, Allen Houchins, Sean Griffin, Shane Crowley, Brad Lippie, Matt Storey, Jake Crulcich, Josh Holder, Chad Wielbrock, George Politakis, (second row) manager Daniel Lang, John Huseman, Cody VanDeursen, Luke Lukasik, Sean Anderson, Tyler Reed, Matt Puskar, Brian Jones, Tim Sova, Thomas LaFlech, (third row) Andrew Stiener, Ryan Kersey, Michael Marzotto, Mike Marszalek, Charles Thompson, John Giglio, Jr., Justin Henley, Christopher Marzotto, Eric Raszewski, manager Jill Bourrell, (fourth row) manager Lindsey French, David Bruckman, Rob Blackford, Sam Karras, Adam Holley, Andy Vassar, Zachary Stiener, Mark Radzinski, David King, Jason Favors, (fifth row) Robert Szafranski, James Jeffries, Eric Anderson, Justin Wiler, Sean Kasparian, Chris Garza, Joe Kersey, Brandon Verkler, C.J. Hall, (top row) and the coaching staff of: Jim Kiechle, Brad Stewart, Keith Kilmer, head coach Kirk Kennedy, Jim Carlson and Marty Freeman. Not pictured: Sean Burton and manager Amanda Gasparovic.

Ryan Kersey looks at the sidelines for help from coach Kirk Kennedy. Kersey made a great captain due to his leadership skills.



Allen Hochins makes a pass to a teammate. Houchins was the quarterback this year.



Tim Sova kicks a field goal for the Red Devils. Sova, originally a soccer player, helped the team with his strong kick and good aim.

Season Stats

Crown Point	14-07
Chicago Orr	58-06
East Chicago	24-34
Highland	21-24
Hammond	28-07
Griffith	03-42
Kankakee Valley	21-06
Munster	10-14
Andrean	07-34

Sectional Scores

Hammond High	35-32
Munster	21-20
Griffith	07-10

Playin' Tuff Football



The Red Devils set up the next play. Sean Griffin snaps the ball to Allen Hochins as the offensive line including Shane Crowley and Mike Marszalek, get ready for their next move. The whole team always "played tuff" to win their games.

The 2001 Varsity Football team played "tuff" this year, even though some wished for a better season. The team stepped up in the beginning of the season and took control, beating Crown Point and Chicago Orr. In each game the team played, they showed great determination. The season got a little "tuffer" when the Red Devils started losing valuable players. "Losing teammates, due to injuries, hurt us. It was hard to become 'one' when things were constantly changing," noted Ryan Kersey, senior. With the line-up constantly changing, they could not get the plays down the way that they had wanted. Still, hard work remained constant throughout the season. The highlight was when the Red Devils beat the Munster Mustangs in the Class 4-A Sectional, 21-20, on Munster's field. Even though the season ended abruptly with a 10-7 loss to the Griffith Panthers in the Sectional final, everyone is proud of the effort they gave during the season.

by Jenifer Pillar and Lindsey French



Andy Vassar makes a fast break. Vassar's leadership was an asset to the team this year.





The injured players watch from the sidelines. Although Jake Crulcich, Cody VanDeursen, and Luke Lukasik were not on the field at all times, they always supported the team.



Dave Bruckman receives some advice from Coach Carlson. The players could always turn to the coaches for help.

Most Valuable- Cody VanDeursen

Most Improved- Luke Lukasik

L-Club Leadership- Andy Vassar

Most Valuable Receiver- Brandon Verkler

Most Valuable Linebacker- Mike Marzotto

Most Valuable Offensive Lineman- Shane Crowley

Most Valuable Defensive Lineman- Andrew Stiener

Most Valuable Offensive Back- Sean Anderson

Most Valuable Defensive Back- Sean Anderson

Scout Team Player of the Year- James Jeffries

Varsity volleyball

The Lady Red Devil volleyball team showed nothing but hardwork and dedication. The team got off to a slow start by not playing very well, yet they still managed to pull off a couple of sloppy wins. The girls stuck with it, allowing them to make daily progress. The turning point of the season came when the Devils faced the area's third-ranked Highland, beating them in three hard-fought games. In the end, Lowell's record showed them beating six of the eight Top Ten area teams they played. They finished second in the LAC Conference, the best Conference finish in Lowell volleyball history. This success can be attributed to the long hours of work put in over the summer and the enormous effort shown by every member of the team.

by Niki Hanas



The team huddles up to plan a strategy during a time-out.



Senior Rachel Wielgos shows nice form as she sets the ball high. This co-MVP received multiple awards this season.

Senior Katie Sullivan serves up an ace. She served many of them this season, allowing her to win the Best Server award.

Lisa Schulfer tries her best to guard the net.

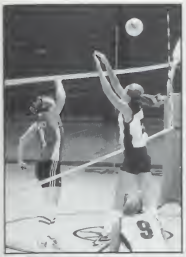
McKensey Wietbrock sets the ball to her teammate for the return. This sophomore showed determination and hustle 100% of the time.



Lisa Schulfer shows off her jumping ability as she powers up to spike the ball down hard.



Jackie Wojcik finishes off a long set of volleys between the Devils and the Bulldogs with a spike.



Jackie Wojcik gives it her all as she attempts a block against a CP spike.



The 2001 LHS Varsity Team: (front) Rachel Wielgos, coach Wendy Pitcock, Katie Sullivan, (middle) Sarah Huber, Gina Hathaway, Rachel Huseman, (back) Kristin Kania, Mary Erpelding, Lisa Schulfer, Jackie Wojcik, and McKensey Wietbrock.

Quips & Quotes



"All the work the younger girls put in, along with the leadership the older girls showed, made this team a success."



"The highlight of our season was beating Highland. We overcame the odds and proved we could really do it."



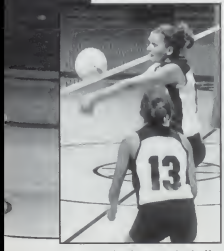
Kristin Kania sends a killer serve over the net to her opponents.



The team breaks from an encouraging pre-game huddle. Their intensity allowed them to defeat Clark in two short games that day.

All-Area First Team: Rachel Wielgos
All-Area Second Team: Lisa Schulfer
All-Area Honorable Mention: Katie Sullivan
All-Area First Team: Rachel Wielgos, Lisa Schulfer
All-Conference Honorable Mention: Katie Sullivan, Jackie Wojcik
MVP: Rachel Wielgos, Lisa Schulfer

Most Improved: Mary Erpelding, Mary Taylor
Leadership Award: Rachel Wielgos
Spirit of Red Devil Volleyball Award: Rachel Wielgos
Assist Maker: Rachel Wielgos
Best Server: Katie Sullivan
Best at Net: Lisa Schulfer
Floor Burn Award: Rachel Huseman



Mary Taylor bumps the ball out of the net. She started off the year on JV, but hardwork earned her a spot on the varsity team by the end of the season.

Opponent	Results
N. Newton	W 15-13 15-10
Merrillville 4	W 15-12 5-15 15-7
Munster	L 10-15 13-11 10-15
Hobart	W 15-7 15-5
Ham. Clark	W 15-3 15-10
Portage	W 15-12 15-11
Bishop Noll	L 14-16 11-15
Gavit	W 15-12 15-6
Griffith	W 15-13 15-8
Hammond	W 15-4 15-6
Crown Point	L 9-15 10-15
Lk Station	W 15-13 11-15 15-11
Whiting	W 15-11 15-7
Hanover	L 12-15 15-13 11-15
Calumet	W 15-7 15-4
Highland	W 15-4 8-15 15-12
Lk Central	W 15-3 13-17
Morton	W 18-16 15-11
Andrean	W 11-15 15-9 16-14
Rensselaer	W 15-4 15-7
K. Valley	W 15-10 6-15 15-6
Hebron	W 16-14 15-13
Wheeler	W 15-7 15-12
Valparaiso	L 11-15 12-15
Highland Tourney	
Goshen	W 15-5 17-15
Merrillville	L 5-15 12-15
S. Bend	W 15-13 8-15 15-12
Valparaiso	L 11-15 6-15
Sectional	
East Chicago	W 15-2 15-4
Lake Central	L 7-15 8-15

Awaiting Approval

Bounce

Varsity Soccer

Lowell came out and gave it all they had with a 3-10 record. The first win by Lowell was made possible by a shoot out. Goalie Jake Woodworth saved two of the five shots to score a 5-4 victory over Gavit. Dan Malamatos helped by scoring to put the team up by one. In the Crown Point game, Mike Malamatos scored the only goal to win 1-0, assisted by Jeremy Schares. In Jan Boyum's first and only year playing for Lowell, he commented about the season, "Our stats weren't very good, but we were competitive in every game, and we had lots of fun." Next year, the boys have several varsity players returning, including Jake Sewell, Sam Paunovici, Korey Klidaras, Kyle Kras, Jake Woodworth, Jeremy Schares, Paul Zelenka, Lloyd Besaw, and Steve Maloney. With these returning players, the Red Devils hope to be a stronger, more dominant team.

by Kristine Powers



With a few seconds remaining, Korey Klidaras throws the ball in to give him enough time to get back on defense.



What do you think about your season in Soccer?



"I had an enjoyable year, I'll miss all the guys. I hope the team is successful next year and for years to come."



"We had a good season, but we need improvement. We also need to learn how to work together."



"I liked being part of the team and being around all the guys, it was a fun year."



"I had fun. Next year I hope the team gets better and has more fun."



With a little help from Matthew Ping, Mike Malamatos (6) goes down the field to score a goal.

"The season record was a little frustrating, but the team's future looks promising." Jason Butchart



Before a game, you have to show a little team spirit to get your teammates going.

From a corner kick, Adam Erpelding puts his strength to the test to score a goal for his team.





Korey Klidaras dribbles down field to keep the ball away from Hebron.



JV Soccer Team: (bottom) Jim Owens, Matthew Ping, Joey Klidaras, Cameron Blunt, Carl Mink (middle) Martin Cardenas, John Atwood, Bobby Davis, Trimalle Mayes , Jeffery Sandburg (top) managers Gena Ritsema, Heidi Schantz, Dan DeVries, Ryan Huseman, David Bloch, Billy Davis, and coach Scott Coil. Not Pictured: Kevin Morales



Varsity Soccer Team: (bottom) Sam Paunovici, Steve Maloney, J. Woodworth, M. Malamatos, Korey Klidaras, (middle) Mgr. Heidi Schantz, Brandon Pulley, John Kuiper, Scott Keithley, Jacob Sewell, Llyod Besaw, Mgr. Gena Ritsema (top) Coach Moore, Kyle Kras, Jan Boyum, A. Erpelding, Dan Fisher, Jeremy Schares, D. Malamatos, Asst. Coach Scott Coil

Varsity Scores

Hammond Gavit...5-4
Crown Point....1-0
LaPorte.....0-1
Griffith.....0-6
Hammond.....7-1
Highland.....2-6
Chesterton.....2-3
Morton.....1-4
Munster.....2-9
Bishop Noll....0-3
Clark.....2-3
Andrean.....0-5
Wheeler.....2-4
Varsity record 3-10
Junior Varsity record 2-10-1

soccer stats

Quips & Quotes

Sometimes the game of soccer is a little rough...



"Soccer is a contact sport. You have to be aggressive to get control of the ball."



"I really believe that to play a good game of soccer you must be part beast."



The 2001 Varsity/JV girls soccer team: (front) Brittany Cellarius, Jessica Cooper, Ashlee Davis, Megan Flores, Allison Heine, Tiffany Meyers, Beth Curtis, Jesse Hubert, Katrina Csepiga, (middle) Emily Huber, Stephanie Nasky, Kendall Shultz, Katie Rumisek, Lesley Koza, Loni Childress, Katie Cooper, Bailey Wagner, Natalie Perfetti, Megan Bachinski, Sameerah Ahmad, (back) coach Ande Moore, Christi Bull, Emily Daugherty, Shannon Hemm, Ashley Jurs, Kristin Scott, Courtney Wilson, Aimee Poleski, Alyson Gross, Sarah Perfetti, Kristine Powers, and coach Allison Cianci.



Lowell's captains, Jess Cooper, Beth Curtis, and Katrina Csepiga, head confidently to their Sectional matchup against KV.



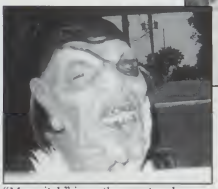




The Goalie Girls, Emily Daugherty and Kristin Scott, both do a miraculous job in the net. They were the last line of defense.

Soccer Stats

Team	V	JV
Wheeler	14-4	
Hammond Clark	6-0	
Andrean	2-9	0-9
E. C. Central	7-1	
Griffith	5-11	0-0
Hammond Gavit	6-4	
Highland	2-12	0-10
Boone Grove	2-1	
Munster	0-5	0-4
Benton Central	1-8	2-4
Hobart	1-4	0-5
Bishop Noll	4-2	5-0
Hammond Morton	3-4	
E. C. Central	8-0	
K.V.	1-5	0-1



"Magwitch" is on the way to a home game, but who is wearing "Magwitch"? No one will ever know.



Tiffany Meyers handles the ball well with a stunning fake out.

Kickin' Girls Soccer

This year, the Red Devil girls soccer program turned out a great season. With seven wins and eight losses, the girls almost reached .500. A major highlight of the year featured Katrina Csepiga breaking the un-official state record of 118 career goals by raising the bar to 142 goals. She was also recognized as an All-State honorable mention selection. Six girls, Csepiga, Ashlee Davis, Megan Flores, Allison Heine, Tiffany Meyers, and Kristin Scott, were recognized as All-Conference players. Aside from their fabulous achievements, the girls agreed that team spirit added a ton of fun to the season. No one will be able to forget Alyson Gross' horse sweater, or Sarah Perfetti, Lesley Koza and Emily Huber with "Magwitch". Another fashion statement was Ashley Jurs' hot pink lipstick that the team all wore as a surprise for coaches Ande Moore and Allison Cianci. "The girls play with so much heart. Even when we were losing 12-2, everyone kept their heads up. That says more to me than any scoreboard," reflected Beth Curtis. All in all, the girls had an excellent season and will never forget to always have fun.

by Jessica Cooper



Lesley Koza, Brittany Cellarius and Katrina Csepiga return with smiles after a goal by Koza.

How could anyone forget the game against Hammond Morton? Emily Daugherty, Ashley Jurs, Megan Flores, Lesley Koza, Kendall Shultz and Bailey Wagner huddle up to fight the rain and cold.



Katie Rumisek and Alyson Gross show team spirit by sporting the horse sweater.

Most Valuable: Tiffany Meyers
Most Improved: Kristin Scott
L-Club Leadership: Jessica Cooper
Offensive Player of the Year: Katrina Csepiga
Defensive Player of the Year: Megan Flores



Katie Cooper runs to receive a pass as rain streams down her face in the game against Morton.

Breaking away... from the Boys Cross Country



The Lowell teammates talk over their strategy while they wait for the start of the race.



At the sound of gun, the Red Devils head toward the open field on their home course.





















The 2001Boys Country Cross Team: (front) Tom Woroszylo, Eric Stewart, Jake Cummins, Kyle Yung, (middle) coach Jeff Manes, Nathan Long, Mike O'Hare, Robby Bryant, (back) Eric Holley, Nick Parente, and Kyle Spicer. Not Pictured: Don Smith and Steve Smith.







familiar in late June, the first day of summer training began for this year's team with a new coach. As the boys prepared for the run, retiring coach Bob Thomas introduced them to the new coach, Jeff Manes, who would lead them through yet another memorable year. Official practice started in late July, with a workout of an 8-10 mile run each day. "Practice was hard and you felt like you wanted to quit, but we all stuck with it because we wanted to win and accomplish alot throughout the season," said senior Robby Bryant.

The season started off with a bang. Finishing strong at the Gavit Invite they placed second, behind only Lake Central who was ranked fifth in the state. The entire team was named Red Devil of the Week. Just weeks later, the boys captured first place at the 21st annual Lowell Invitational, which if Coach Manes had his way it would be renamed "The Bob Thomas Classic". Every one of the boys ran a personal best, once again earning them Red Devil of the Week honors. The team continued to run strong. And as Lake Athletic Conference time rolled around, Lowell was favored to finish among the top teams. With a team score of 39 they were untouchable. They carried home the LAC Championship finishing first out of 12 teams. The following week, at the Crown Point Sectional, the Devils seized second place as a team and advanced to the Regional. At the Crown Point Regional they finished third of 11, completing the last step to bring them to Semi-State, at New Prairie, for the fourth consecutive year. Coach Manes described the closing of the year: "At New Prairie, the young men let it all hang out at what is arguably the toughest semi-state in Indiana. As Jake Cummins (the seventh man) crosses the chute, so concludes our season. They finished 10th, the second highest in school history. Our overall win-loss record for the season comes to a remarkable 91-19. They have lived up to what has now become the standard for Red Devil cross country--No less than New Prairie!"

by Caroline Parilac



After winning first place at the 21st annual Lowell Invite, Kyle Spicer, Mike O'Hare, Steve Smith, Eric Holley, Nick Parente, coach Jeff Manes, Robby Bryant, and Jayson Martin are all smiles as they show off their new trophy.



With a long race ahead of them, the team prepares by stretching and warming up.

Quips Quotes



"Running Cross Country is good for a couple of reasons. One, it gets you in shape. Two, you learn to enjoy something that you have never dreamed of doing for a sport."



"One thing I won't forget is the fun that we had as a team and the success that we accomplished this season."

Scrabble stats

Opponent/Event	Place
Gavit Invite	2nd of 8
Rensselaer/Benton Central	1st of 3
Munster/Gavit/ Calumet	1st of 4
Lowell Invite	1st of 14
River Forest	1st of 2
Highland Invite	3rd of 25
Lafayette Jeff Invite	6th of 15
Highland/North Newton	1st of 3
LAC	1st of 12
Sectionals	2nd of 10
Regionals	3rd of 10
Semi-State	10th of 20

MVP & Top Senior: Eric Holley Top Junior: Nathan Long

Leadership: Mike O'Hare Top Sophomore: Kyle Spicer

Most Improved: Steve Smith Top Freshman: Steve Smith

Gone with the wind

The journey begins with eleven girls...

August 1 Pratices start during the hot evenings of August. The girls already have a month of conditioning behind them. Little did they know all their hard work would pay off in the end.

September 16 Lowell hosts their annual Invitational.The girls claim second place out of nine teams.

October 6 The girls capture their first LAC Championship ever, succeeding over 13 teams. Smith, Schmidt,Willis, Clapp, and Cummins are awarded First Team All-Conference. Coach Chuck Naumowich wins Coach of the Year.

October 9 The team places fourth out of nine teams at the Crown Point Sectional, earning them a trip to Regionals.

October 13 Then the unexpected happens. For the first time in history the girls win the C.P. Regional title. The Running Red Devils are: Smith,Willis, Schmidt, Clapp, Morgan,Cummins, and Parilac.

October 20 For the second straight year the girls appear at Semi-State, at New Prairie, finishing 13th out of 20 teams.

...the journey ended with the same eleven girls who will carry an unforgettable adventure with them forever. Great season girls!

-Caroline Parilac

"Anyone who doesn't consider CC a real sport should just spend a few practices with us, or run a meet, and then we'll see what they think"
-Toni Clapp





Brooke Morgan finishes another run towards victory.

"The best thing about CC was being part of the great team we had this year. There was time for fun, and times we worked, and it all paid off."
-Amber Schmidt





Keeping up her pace, Sarah Martin, strives to improve her time.





"CC is a hard sport at times, but really fun and worth it so people shouldn't be afraid to join"
-Rebecca Parilac

"It is obvious that the 2001 season will be one to remember for raising standards in Girls' cross-country.The good news is that all of these girls will return next season and will be led by a group of experienced seniors."

The team stops for a picture after a great finish at Lemon Lake County Park. This is the first time in history the girls team has been Regional Champions.



2001 Team:(Front) Alysha Tomlins, Sarah Smith, Natale Manes, Nicole Cummins, Desiree Dandurand, (middle) Brooke Morgan, Kelly Willis, Sarah Martin, Toni Clapp, Rebecca Parilac, Amber Schmidt, (back) coach Chuck Naumowich and athletic director Don Bales.



Kelly Willis, Toni Clapp, and Desiree Dandurand celebrate their Conference win at Pizza Hut.

The team came together to become Conference and Regional Champions for the first time in history!



Natale Manes pushes hard to reach the finish.



"The funniest thing that happend was reading in the papers that Naumo fell when he found out we won Regionals." -Sarah Smith



Kelly Willis eyes the finish line and runs with determination.



All smiles, Sarah Smith and Nicole Cummins hold up their second place trophy from the Lowell Invite.



Lengthening her strides, Nicole Cummins, picks up some ground.



"We had a good team as far as personalities. It was like a family and we all got along." -Alysha Tomlins

MVP:
Sarah Smith

Leadership:
Nicole Cummins

Most Improved:
Amber Schmidt

Quips Quotes



"I'm never gonna forget the way Naumo believed in us all season, from day one. He knew we could win Conference and Regionals if we worked together and all ran well the same day. He was right!" (right)



"Cross country, to me, seems like the most unified sport. The course doesn't care how smart, pretty, or fashionable you are. It's always there to release stress and anger upon or have fun and a good time." (right)





The Regional Champs pose proudly after conquering 10 teams with a team score of 62.

Opponent/Event	Place
Merrillville/Andrean/Griffith/Wallace	2nd of 4
Gavit Invite	3rd of 9
Crown Point Five-Way	4th of 5
Munster/Gavit/Calumet	1st of 4
Rensselaer Quad	2nd of 4
Lowell Invite	2nd of 9
River Forest	1st of 2
Highland Invite	5th of 17
Kankakee Valley Invite	3rd of 13
Lafayette Jeff Invite	3rd of 15
Highland/N. Newton/Andrean	1st of 4
Lake Athletic Conference	1st of 13
Crown Point Sectional	4th of 9
Crown Point Regional	1st of 11
Semi-State	13th of 20

Quips Quotes



Justin Bales

"The most memorable match this season was when Dustin and I came back to win the Andrean match at Conference and then killed Munster right afterwards."



Ryan Brown

"I would like to thank Taylor Jones for always coming to our matches and supporting our team. And to Jesica Pillar, our manager, who we will greatly miss next year."





The 2001 boys tennis team: (front) Chris Haugh, Nathan Wilbourn, Derek Hoots, mascot "Dakota", Dustin Hudak, Marc Keilman (back) assistant coach Nathan Thomas , manager Kristen Alberts, Matt Rosinko, Corey Wietbrock, Nick Brill, Nick Williams, Justin Bales, Ryan Brown, manager Jesica Pillar, and head coach Joe Gianotti.



Number one doubles team Dustin Hudak and Justin Bales get tennis tips from assistant coach Joe Moore.Moore was a great help to the team this year.

Sectional Champs- Bales, Nick Brill, Marc Keilman, Thomas pose for a quick picture





Seniors Dustin Hudak and Derek Hoots go for a hit. Hoots played No.1 singles this year, and Hudak played No.1 Doubles. Both were great assets to the team this year.



Dakota watches the match. He never missed a game.





Matt Rosinko gives a quick smile as he warms up for his match. Rosinko was a JV player this year.

Nick Brill is set to return the ball. Brill has played tennis all three years of high school.

Ryan Brown concentrates on winning this match. Brown was a junior this year.

Stats

Varsity	
Kankakee Valley	W
Griffith	W
Chesterton	W
Munster	L
Twin Lakes	W
Andrean	L
Hammond Gavit	W
Highland	W
Crown Point	W
Lake Central	W
Calumet	W

Junior Varsity	
Kankakee Valley	W
Griffith	W
Chesterton	W
Munster	L
Twin Lakes	W
Andrean	L
Hammond Gavit	W
Highland	W
Crown Point	L
Lake Central	L
Calumet	W

Tournaments	
Crawfordsville	2nd of 8
Highland Doubles	1st of 8
JV Tourney	2nd of 3
LAC	2nd
Merrillville JV Trny	6th of 8
Sectional	1st
Regional	1-1

Serve a Hit

Tennis

Dustin Hudak, tennis superfan Taylor Jones, and Nick Williams pose for a quick picture after a hard fought match. Jones was always there to cheer on the team, especially when the boys needed him the most.



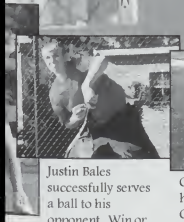
M.V.P.: Dustin Hudak & Justin Bales
Best Mental Attitude: Nick Williams
L Club Leadership: Marc Keilman
Varsity Rookie: Nick Brill
J.V. Rookie: Chris Rosevear
Best Record: Dustin Hudak & Justin Bales

The boys' tennis team finished one of its most successful seasons ever as they went 15-4 for the year. As the record suggests, Lowell won many of the tournaments that it entered. For the first time in the 29-year history of the Highland Doubles Tournament, Lowell captured the crown, as they advanced all four of their doubles teams to the finals and won at three of the positions. The Red Devils finished second to state-ranked No. 7 Munster in the LAC Championship for the first time since 1994. Lowell defeated K.V. 5-0 in the semi-final and then defeated Lake Central 4-1 for the Highland Sectional trophy. At the Regional, the Devils defeated Crown Point in the semis, but then fell to Munster for the third and final time in the Regional finals.

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layout and pictures by Kim Sypulski

Nathan Wilbourn, coach Joe Gianotti, Nick Williams, Dustin Hudak, Justin Ryan Brown,coach Joe Moore, Derek Hoots, Rodney Cusic, and coach Nathan during their celebration.





Justin Bales successfully serves a ball to his opponent. Win or lose, Bales always kept a smile on his face.



Crouching tiger, hidden Gianotti. Coach Gianotti always supported his players.



Rodney Cusic is staying on his toes. Cusic was always ready for anything his opponent hit at him.





Seniors Nick Williams and Marc Keilman were named second team All-Conference and only lost to two opponents all year, both state-ranked. Keilman was also the captain of the team.

Quips Quotes



" I love Jenn Jansky! She is the greatest, but I'm a little jealous that she gets to marry Ed!"



"The Illiana boys were truly the greatest part of the season. Not to mention Jason and Ed too!"



The 2001 girls golf team: (front) Tasha Aguilar, Johanna Hess, Jessica Lukasik, Jennyfer Jansky, Caroline Vaandrager, and Tania Nammari, (back)Coach John Becker, Meghan Steuer, Angela Parkhill, Jenanne Walk, Kim Goodrich.



These are the 5 girls that won the 2001 Sectional at Sandy Pines Golf Coarse. Jenanne "Manager" Walk, Johanna "Yohann" Hess, Meghan "Beyonce" Steuer, Jess " Michelle" Lukasik, and Jenn "Kelly" Jansky.

Jess Lukasik, Jenanne Walk, and Meghan Steuer are at Pizza Hut. Jess was mighty mad because Jenanne got the last piece of pizza!





Jenanne Walk studies the ball!



Johanna Hess takes a little rest before the next hole.

Meghan Steuer is a wee bit mad because she didn't get any snacks on the way home!



Season Stats

Lake Central Invite	2nd Place
KV Invite	8th Place
Rensselear Invite	10th Place
N.Newton/S.Newton	W/W
Valparaiso	W
Hobart	W
Andrean/Hanover	W/W
Merrillville	W
Rensselear/KV	W/W
Lake Central	L
Chesterton	W
Bishop Noll	W
Crown Point	L
KV/Calumet	W/W
Munster	W
LaPorte Invite	8th Place
Portage/Wheeler	L/W
Sectional	1st Place
Regional	8th Place

From the Coach



" I knew that we were going to do something special this year. After breaking records on the first day of practice and setting the school record in our first match, I knew that we had established ourselves as one of the best teams in the area. Beating Crown Point, Lake Central, and Andrean in the Sectional made it even sweeter. I am proud of all the members of the team. This might have been the first Sectional championship for our team but it definitely won't be the last." - John Becker aka Dale Bender

How's my drivin Grs Gof





Tania Nammari is seen here acting like she acted basically everyday of the golf season!

- At their first Invite of the season, the Red Devils beat Crown Point and then later on in the year lost to Lake Central by a mere 5 strokes.
- The girls shot a school record of 368 at Sandy Pines on the day of the Sectional.
- Jess Lukasik shot a 93 at the Sectional and placed in the top 10 at the Lake Central Invite and at Sectionals.
- Meghan Steuer shot a personal best of 40 on the back nine, which led her to place 2nd as an individual at Sectionals.
- Johanna Hess, a sophomore, dropped her scoring average by 8 strokes from last year. She was a top ten finisher at the Lake Central Invite, KV Invite, and at Sectionals.
- Tasha Aguilar and Tania Nammari were the new recruits this year, so they had a lot of time to practice on the good ol' putting green. Next year both of these ladies better be playing Varsity!
- Kim Goodrich has a lot of potential! You better watch out for her low scores next year!
- Jennyfer Jansky, Jessica Lukasik, Caroline Vaandrager, and Jenanne Walk will be greatly missed! Best of luck to you four girls!



Meghan Steuer is chipping away!

Jess Lukasik makes an attempt on yet another chip in!

This is probably the only time coach Becker ever went to see Jenn Jansky!

From the Captains



"I love each and every one of the girls on the team. They all mean so much to me, and when I get married to Ed, they can all come! I will miss all of you tremendously, you can all come 'visit' me at IU!" - Love ya, Jennyfer Jean Jansky

"Well, when I am on tour for LPGA, I'll always remember golfing with these fine ladies!! Just one question??? You guys want some cookies??? O-ok!" - Love always, Jenanne Walk

Most Valuable: Meghan Steuer

Most Improved: Jessica Lukasik

L-Club Leadership: Jenanne Walk

Breakaway

The season started out a bit shaky with four losses in a row, showing the varsity basketball team had a lot of room to improve. With a win against North Newton, the team began to improve their record to 7-6, putting them over .500%. With an amazing win against Highland at home, the guys proved that the unexpected can always happen and that playing as a team instead of as individuals really does pay off. Not long after the huge Highland win, the team once again stepped up to the pressure and won two games in the first ever LAC Tourney. The Sectional game versus Lake Central was lost by a score of 69-36, but the team's persistance and dedication showcased their ability to play, and their season ended about evenly at 10-12. With strong seniors in the lead, the boys basketball team decided to break away from their losses and end the season respectably, proving themselves victorious over defeat.

by Rya Nord

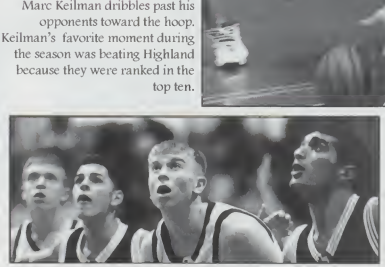






Andrew Steiner shoots another free throw. Steiner was the starting center for the team this year.

Marc Keilman dribbles past his opponents toward the hoop. Keilman's favorite moment during the season was beating Highland because they were ranked in the top ten.



Justin Bales waits at the free throw line for the rebound. He played guard and forward for the team this year.

Stats

Opponent	W/L	Score
Lake Central	L	47-53
Calumet	L	51-65
Bishop Noll	L	37-66
Hammond Morton	L	60-69
North Newton	W	78-40
Hammond	L	59-62
Hobart	W	46-45
Hanover Central	W	68-46
Munster	L	44-66
Whiting	W	56-46
Highland	W	42-39
Hammond Clark	W	46-38
Lake Station	W	57-42
Kankakee Valley	L	55-68
Griffith	L	55-69
Hammond (LAC Trny)	L	65-75
Whiting (LAC Trny)	W	57-43
Hammond (LAC Trny)	W	36-27
Hammond Gavit	W	32-26
Wheeler	L	41-53
Crown Point	L	56-76
Lake Central (Sectional)	L	36-69

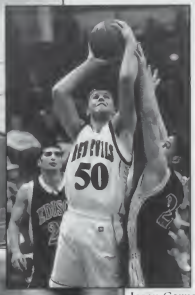
Ryan Brown leaps to catch a pass from a teammate. One of his favorite things about the season was that the players got along as a team instead of playing as individuals.



The Boys Basketball Team:(front) ball boy Austin Magley, Trimalle Mayes, Justin Henley, Dustin Manis, Jason Corns, Greg Johnson, manager Lynette Kregel, (middle) Ryan Metz, James Jeffries, Zach Stiener, Mike Stoner, (back) coach Courtney Whitehead, coach Jess Funston, head coach Mike Magley, Ryan Brown, Matt Roberts, Justin Bales, Andrew Stiener, Marc Keilman, Brian Sciackitano, Nathan Wilbourn, and manager Meghan Steuer.



Most Valuable: Andrew Stiener
Most Improved: Brian Sciackitano
L-Club Leadership: Marc Keilman
Rebound Leader: Andrew Stiener
Assist Leader: Andrew Stiener
Free Throw %: Matt Roberts
Mental Attitude: Marc Keilman
Desire, Pride, Dedication Award: Brian Sciackitano



Jason Corns shoots as his opponent tries unsuccessfully to stop him. Corns played both varsity and junior varsity basketball this year.



Matt Roberts waits for the rebound as a free throw is shot. Roberts was a shooting/point guard this season.



Brian Sciackitano sets up on defense as his opponent tries to maneuver past him. The senior was a starting forward for the team this season.

Quips Quotes

What was the funniest thing that happened during the season?



"Watching coach Mags dance to rap before our pre-game talk."



"Anything that (Andrew) Steiner and Sciack (Brian Sciackitano) did."



Meghan Steuer, Kim Goodrich, and Lynette Kregel show how much fun being managers really is. The girls helped by making sure everything was in order for the games.

Basketball

Balls-A-Bouncin'

Basketball is one of those sports that stick with you throughout your life. You acquire memories not only from the floor but also from the times you share off the court. This season was full of good times, but also hard times. And I'm sure if you ask any one of these girls, they wouldn't trade it away for the world. They dealt with intense practices and heart wrenching games. If you attended one of their games, you would have seen that they never gave up. No matter if winning or losing, they fought until those last seconds ticked away. This team was a mix of veterans and younger players. Good luck to those graduating: Niki, Scotty, and Jilly P. And for those girls returning next year, remember all those girls you once looked up to and be a role model to those beginning their basketball careers.

by Rachel Wielgos



The team gets ready for a big win as they cheer on the starting line up. Lisa Schulfer runs out to center court ready to take on anyone and everyone.



Jackie Wojcik finishes her shot off with perfect form. She was a strong player for the girls.



While warming up for the game, senior Niki Hanas works on her free throw form. This was Niki's fourth year of basketball for Lowell, and she also played many years of AAU basketball previous to high school.

2002 Lady Red Devils

As she dishes the ball off to her wing, sophomore Natalie Hanas works her magic at the point. Natalie is a long time basketball star who will continue to shine in the future.



As a sign of patriotism, our girls line up and show their respect to our country during the singing of The National Anthem.

Brooke Bell looks into the paint for an open post. This was Brooke's second year on varsity and she was only a sophomore.





Junior Kristin Kania works the ball up court while her defender has a hard time keeping up with her. Kristin was the teams point guard.



Super senior Kristin Scott goes for the block against a Gavit player. Kristin was a hard worker who earned the MVP Award.

The 2001-2002 Varsity Girls Basketball Team: (front) Natalie Hanas, Kristin Kania, Lisa Schulfer, Jill Porento, Kristin Scott, Niki Hanas, Jackie Wojcik, Brooke Bell, McKensey Wietbrock, (back) manager Johanna Hess, coach Greg Holdeman, head coach Patti McCormack, coach Natalie Shadowen, and manager Katie McQuiston.



MVP- Kristin Scott
Most Improved- Brooke Bell
Rebound Award- Lisa Schulfer
Defensive Devil- Kristin Kania
Offensive Award- Lisa Schulfer
Free Throw Award- Niki Hanas
L-Club Leadership- Kristin Scott
1st Team All-Conference- Lisa Schulfer
Mental Attitude- McKensey Wietbrock & Jill Porento
Honorable Mention All-Conference- Kristin Scott
Academic All-Conference- Niki Hanas & Kristin Scott

Quips & Quotes

Captains: Niki Hanas, Jill Porento, & Kristin Scott



"I really enjoyed my senior year. Coach Shadowen was a great addition to the team. This was the best group of girls I have ever played with."



"Towards the end of the year we started playing like I knew we could. I know we will be successful in the future."

Season Stats

Varsity

Bishop Noll ..	39-28	Merrillville ..	40-36
North Newton	68-75	Hammond	35-24
Hanover	42-38	Gavit	35-44
Munster	27-45	Andrean	27-49
Crown Point	29-57	Griffith	25-31
Highland	35-60	Hobart	32-51
Lew Wallace	66-46	LAC Tourney	
Lake Central	35-62	Griffith	25-45
Whiting	24-37	Whiting	30-39
Andrean	29-45	Sectionals	
Rossville	38-40	Lew Wallace	65-35
Carroll	55-30	West Side	31-50

Backstroke

Boys Swimming

After a loss of two seniors from the 2000-2001 season, the boys swim team had a rough time getting back in the water. They had many difficult meets this year, but with a team as dedicated as these Red Devils, they didn't have a problem getting back into the swim of things. They will have a tough time next year with Rob Bryant, Anthony Panozzo, and Nick Williams graduating, but there is a lot of fresh talent waiting to get their feet wet in competition. Their season ended 11-12-1, with the tie to Rensselaer. This team's closeness is the one thing that everyone will miss the most. The unity seemed to be motivated the most by the three seniors, who everyone will miss next year. Everyone was disappointed to see the season end, but through it all, the boys pulled through both good times and bad.

by Ashley Greene

Junior Jason Nichols plows through the water heading for the finish line.





Taking a breath, senior Anthony Panozzo concentrates on his stroke.

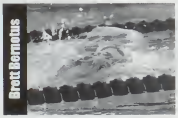
Joining a group of talented veterans, freshman Steve Smith works on his breast stroke. He was the lone newcomer on the team.



What has been your best memory of the season?



"Advancing to Regionals."



"Winning the 100 Breast at the 9/10 Conference."

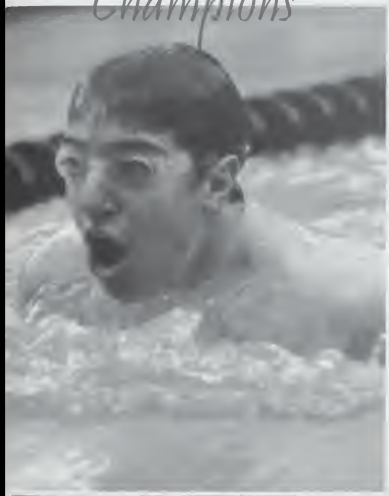


"Doing what no one thought we could do."



"Getting 2nd at Sectional in the 100 Fly."

Lowell Invitational Champions



Longtime Lowell Dolphin Club swimmer Brett Bernotus knows getting off to a good start is important.





Ben Wood heads for the turn in a crucial event for the Red Devils.

"Long, hard practices" was Henry Doffin's worst memory of the season.



The LHS Boys Swim Team: (front) Kyle Govert, Lloyd Besaw, Steve Maloney, David Bloch, Billy Davis, (second) manager Matt Ping, manager Lenny Gumienny, Mike Kostelnik, Chris Ferry, Ben Wood, Henry Doffin, Steve Smith, (third) Zack Briggs, Bill Mitchell, Mat Anderson, Jason Nichols, Brett Bernotus, Ryan Leoni, (back) coach Bill Holland, Nick Williams, Anthony Panozzo and Nick Brill. Not pictured: assistant coach George Bader and Rob Bryant.

Most Valuable: Nick Brill
Most Improved: Henry Doffin
L-Club Leadership: Rob Bryant
Dryland Training Award: Nick Williams
6-Dive High Score: Rob Bryant
11-Dive High Score: Kyle Govert

Munster	L
Hammond Gavit	L
Hobart	W
Twin Lakes (Inv.)	3rd
Bishop Noll	W
Calumet	W
LaPorte (Inv)	8th
Merrillville	L
Portage (Inv.)	L
Bishop Noll	W
Hammond	W
Hammond Gavit	W
Kankakee Valley	W
South Newton	W
Highland	L
South Newton	W
Wheeler	W
Crown Point	L
Kankakee Valley	W
LAC	4th
Rensselaer	T
LAC 9/10	L
Lake Central	L
Crown Point (Inv.)	2nd
Griffith	L
Sectional	5th

sports stats

Quips & Quotes

What is your favorite swimming memory?



"My favorite memories include Bennigan's and Hooters. We had a blast!"



"Having team meal at Bennigan's and watching everyone dress like idiots. We were the coolest ones there!"

The 2001-2002 Girls Swim Team: (front) manager Michelle Smith, manager Kristen Pritchard, Nicole Johnson, Natalie Bruce, Sarah Maloney, Kasey Anderson, (second row) Jennifer Lindemer, Jennie Blandford, Kristin Lamb, Natalie Perfetti, Sameerah Ahmad, Vanessa Esenberg (third row) Sarah Meschede, Jessica Panozzo, Dana Johnson, Stephanie Nasky, Beth Ferry, Mary Hayes, (fourth row) coach Jennifer Vavrek, coach Dawn Fuerstenberg, Sarah Smith, Sarah Perfetti, Hanna Virkhoff, Weineke Van Rens, Nicole Haupert, Betta Rusconi, Caroline Vaandrager, (on board) Mollie Nowak, Katie Vanes and Amber



The "DEVIL" made me do it!





The two mascots of the girls' swim team were Emily Perfetti and Barbie. Emily cheered for the girls and they appreciated her enthusiasm, while Barbie showed her spirit by wearing her Devils suit.

Nicole Haupert swims the butterfly. The butterfly is one of the hardest strokes to master, but Haupert makes it look easy.



Season Stats

VARSITY GIRLS SWIMMING

Merrillville	81.5-103.5
Griffith	94-86
Munster	49-137
Hammond Gavit	100-83
Lake Central	108-78
Calumet-North Newton	58-8-19
Hobart	122-57
Highland	97-96
South Newton-Wheeler-North Newton	145-133-91-65
Crown Point	80-106
Kankakee Valley	67-116
Hammond Clark	84-17



Caroline Vaandrager, Jennifer Lindemer and Jenifer Pillar smile for the camera. All three were very supportive of their teammates.



Jennie Blandford sprints the 50 freestyle. Blandford was a fast contender, always remaining strong through the finish.

The girls goof around at a team get-together: (clockwise from bottom) Vanessa Esenberg, Sameerah Ahmad, Natalie Bruce, Dana Johnson, Sarah Maloney, Sarah Perfetti, Betta Rusconi, Amber Roberts, Nicole Johnson, Beth Ferry and Natalie Perfetti.

Invitationals:
Twin Lakes 4th Place
Lowell 2nd Place
Lake Athletic Conference: 3rd Place
Lake Athletic 9/10 Conference: 3rd Place
Sectional: 5th Place

Splishing & Splashing Girls Swimming



Jenifer Pillar, Jessica Cooper, Nicole Haupert, Rob Bryant and Anthony Panozzo take a break between events. The girls' and boys' teams became very close during the swimming season and made lifelong friendships. Breaks between races were a time to cheer on teammates, as well as catch up on the latest swimming news.

The 2001-2002 Girls Swim Team once again had a great year. The girls improved many of their times, as well as closing in on some of their toughest opponents.

The team finished third at Conference, closing in on Highland, also adding 25 points to last year's finish. The fifth-place finish at the Sectional also showed improvement, moving the girls closer to Merrillville, who is one of their stronger opponents.

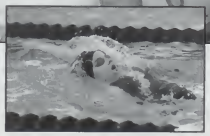
Although some other teams have morning practice once and awhile, the LHS girls' swim team had to be at the school, ready to work, by 6:15 A.M. three times a week. For many, this was the hardest aspect of being a swimmer. Jumping into freezing cold water before the sun came up was hard to do, but the girls were up to the challenge. The early morning practice was well worth the effort, which was reflected through the team's improvement.

The girls swimming program's future is also very bright, due to the youth on the team. If the girls keep on improving the way they have, look for an even stronger team in the future.

by Jenifer Pillar



Sarah Perfetti swims the breaststroke, her specialty. Perfetti was always attempting to break records and did in the IM again this year.



Sarah Maloney swims the backstroke. Maloney earned Most Improved honors this year due to her hard work.

L-Club Leadership: Jessica Cooper
Most Improved: Sarah Maloney
Most Valuable: Sarah Perfetti and Katie Vanes
Turtle Award: Mary Hayes

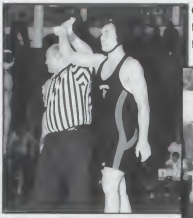
New Record Broken in the 200 IM by Sarah Perfetti.

Work As A Team

Wrestling

The 2001-2002 wrestling season was very successful for the Red Devils. The Devils started the season off a little slow, but ended on a high note. The team had great success bringing home their fourth Sectional title in the last five years. The team was a little young, with five underclassmen starting for the Devils on varsity. Coach Mark Line said, "We had a very young team that developed well and continued our strong tradition." Not only did the Devils strive as a team, but they were also gifted with individual talent. Led by a few seniors, the Devils advanced five wrestlers to Semi-State, second most in school history. Lowell also advanced two wrestlers to the State finals. Lowell has had a state qualifier every year since 1995, and continued this strong tradition by qualifying two seniors, Tyler Reed and Matt Puskar. Senior Red Devil Tyler Reed called his trip to Indianapolis, "the most memorable moment of my high school career."

by Matt Puskar



Cody VanDeursen accepts his victory at the LAC Conference meet. Cody finished the tournament in second place.



Matt Puskar shows his determination at state while on the mat at Conseco.



Kyle Kras holds on for first at the Lake County Championship.

"I felt we had a very successful season. There was much success for the team and individuals. We had a very young team that developed well. Our strong tradition has continued and has been built upon for the years to come."



The 2001-2002 Lowell Red Devils

(L-R) Front Row: Allison Ellis, Gayle Scmelter, Sophie Politakis, Amber Huffman, Donna Conley, Tiffany Mueller, Amy Lee, and Megan Jung.
Second Row: George Politakis, Brandon Pulley, Matt Puskar, Tyler Reed, Cody VanDeursen, Garrett Thiel, Scott Keithley, Shane Gales, and Jordan Graegin.
Third Row: Chris Garza, Korey Klidaras, Casey Rosner, B.J. Lippie, Kyle Kras, Adam Holley, Donald Burbach, and David King.
Fourth Row: Cory Curtis, Bobby Ballas, Mike Kralek, Brian Trueblood, Asa Calloway, Vince Ponziano, Eric Mlynarczyk, Eric Johansen, and Kyle Mitsch.
Fifth Row: Coach Randy Lenzo, Coach Dan Ping, Coach C.J. Kimbrell, Kevin Morales, Mike Mckenna, Cory Mckinney, Coach Mark Line, Coach Ken Sheets, and Coach Jeff Choate.



Tyler Reed heads into the state finals with nothing but confidence.

Sectional Champions 2001-2002



The Red Devils celebrate their Sectional title with their trophy after a close finish.



Eric Johansen surprised many area fans by climbing to the top of the podium at Regionals in his freshman season.



B.J. Lippie works for the pin during this conference match-up.

MVP: Tyler Reed and Matt Puskar

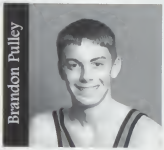
Leadership: Cody VanDeursen

Most Improved: Kyle Kras and B.J. Lippie

Outstanding Underclassmen: Erik Johansen and Korey Klidaras

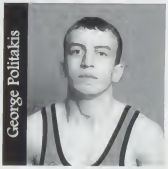
Ironman: Cory Curtis

Quips & Quotes



Brandon Pulley

" As a senior I had a responsibility to my team and to myself to give 100% at every practice and meet."



George Politakis

"The thing that I like most about wrestling is how physically demanding the sport is."

2001/2002 Individual Statistics

103-Kevin Morales(9) - 4th @ Sectional

112-Eric Johansen(9) - 3rd @ Lake County Tourney, Sectional champion, Regional champion, and Semi-State qualifier.

119-George Politakis(11) - Lowell Tourney champion, 7th @ Lake County Tourney, 7th @ LAC, Sectional runner-up, and Regional qualifier.

125-Brandon Pulley(12) - 7th @ LAC, Sectional runner-up, and 4th @ Regional.

130-Korey Klidaras(10) - Lake Station champion, Lowell Tourney champion, 3rd @ Lake County Tourney, 2nd Team All-Conference, Sectional champion, and Regional qualifier.

135-Tyler Reed(12) - Lake Station champion, Lowell Tourney champion, 5th @ Mishawaka, 3rd @ Lake County Tourney, 2nd Team All-Conference, Sectional champion, Regional runner-up, Semi-State runner-up, and State Qualifier.

140-Matt Puskar(12) - Lake Station champion, Lowell Tourney champion, 2nd @ Lake County Tourney, Honorable Mention Conference, Sectional runner-up, 3rd @ Regional, Semi-State runner-up, State qualifier, and Times Braggin' Rights runner-up

145-Cory Curtis(9) - 5th @ LAC and 3rd @ Sectional.

152-Shane Gales(11) - 7th @ Lake County Tourney, 3rd @ Sectional.

160-Garrett Thiel(10) - 7th @ Lake County Tourney, 7th @ LAC, and 3rd @ Sectional.

171-Cody VanDeursen(12) - 5th @ Mishawaka, 2nd @ Lake County Tourney, 2nd Team All-Conference, Sectional champion, Regional runner-up, and Semi-State qualifier

189-Kyle Kras(11) - Lake County champion, 1st Team All-Conference, Sectional runner-up, 3rd @ Regional, and Semi-State qualifier.

215-Brad Lippie(12) - 3rd @ Lake County Tourney, 5th @ LAC, Sectional champion, and 4th @ Regional.

275-Adam Holley(10) - 7th @ LAC and 4th @ Sectional.

Cheer This Way

The cheerleading season began in June with weekly practices to prepare for camp later that summer This year the cheerleaders attended a National Cheerleading Association camp held at Purdue University For four days, they learned new cheers, dances, and stunts and were evaluated on their progress. When they returned home from camp, it was down to business getting ready for the football season ahead Throughout the season, the stunts continued to get better and became more advanced. "I think we improved so much this year on our stunts. Every practice we seemed to try new stunts and kept improving more and more. Stunting is my favorite part of cheerleading, so being able to get to the level of stunting we were at was awesome," stated sophomore Rachel Voss. When basketball season rolled around, the cheerleaders decided to bring male lifters back into the program. With the boys, the level of stunting increased once again to a new level; baskets were thrown higher, they were able to do several types o partner stunts and different girls were able to go up in stunts. "Male lifting was the best, not only because you are surrounded by beautiful girls, but because you are surrounded by beautiful girls. It was also great because the fan support at the games for the guys was SUPER!," stated senior Javier Montoya This year was also the first year that the cheerleaders were able to participate in a competition. The varsity squad extended their season two weeks to put together a dance and cheer with the most elite stunting done that year. The competition was held at Hobart High School on March 17th. Earning second place, the girls' hard work and determination paid off as they performed a great routine. "We had the best fan support. A lot of people came out to cheer us on and they were so loud. It was wonderful!" commented senior Caroline Parilac. "The fans were great and they really made the competition so much better," said junior Rachel Nida, also commenting on the LHS supporters. Overall, the cheerleaders had one of their most productive years. "Even though we had our ups and downs throughout the season I'm glad it ended the way it did. I truly believe that this was our best year so far," said sophomore Jennie Blandford.

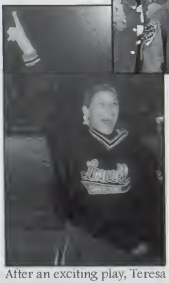
by Caroline Parilac



Doing what they do best, the varsity football squad are all smiles.



Super star Jackie Duncan shows her spirit after a touchdown.



After an exciting play, Teresa Lenzo encourages the crowd.



At camp, the cheerleaders lift the final stunt of their home cheer.

The cheerleade perform a che while walking the Labor D Para

Fall

CO-MVPS ~ Teresa Lenzo & Caroline Parilac
Leadership ~ Teresa Lenzo
SPIRIT Award ~ Jackie Duncan

Football Cheerleaders

Debra Ballas	Shylah Hulsey	Tina Arnold	Meagan Bennet
Anita Blandford	Teresa Lenzo	Abby Dahl	Ashley Boege
Jennie Blandford	Rachel Nida	Jessica Gray	Natalie Bruce
Ashley Caudle	Caroline Parilac	Jennifer Lenzo	Kim Clement
Jackie Duncan	Katie Vanes	Lauren Levin	Brynn O'Keefe
Shelley Hardesty	Jessica Yates	Rachel Voss	Aimee Sunny

On the first day of camp, the cheerleaders stop for the first of many group pictures.





avier Montoya ifts Rachel Nida n a single full extension.



During an evaluation, the girls lift a full as part of their cheer.



The cheerleaders do their favorite cheer, "Hey Go Team".



At the end of their competition routine, the varsity squad puts up the famous "suicide" stunt.



Seniors Debra Ballas, Caroline Parilac, Teresa Lenzo, Jackie Duncan and Shylah Hulsey stop and smile during halftime.

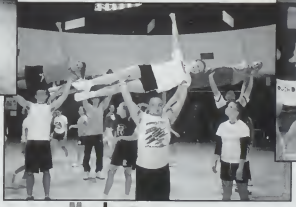
We've got SPIRIT!



During practice, the cheerleaders and male lifters show their togetherness.



The squads work on the starting line up during practice.





Shylah Hulsey dances at the Homecoming pep rally.

Quips & Quotes



Teresa Lenzo

"Being a cheerleader has been one of the most enjoyable experiences of my life. I am so proud of my squad and how we improved throughout this year. We really came together as a team as we prepared for competition and it showed!"



Ashley Caudle

"I feel we had a great year! We learned many new stunts and worked together very hard when it came time for competition. I was very proud of everyone!"

Basketball Cheerleaders

Tina Arnold	Shylah Hulsey	Kelsey Brown	Meagan Bennett
Debra Ballas	Jennifer Lenzo	Abby Dahl	Ashley Boege
Anita Blandford	Teresa Lenzo	Jessica Gray	Katie Qualizza
Ashley Caudle	Rachel Nida	Lauren Levin	Aimee Sunny
Jackie Duncan	Caroline Parilac	Natale Manes	Molly Winel
Shelley Hardesty	Jessica Yates		

Male Lifters

Matt "Farmer Arms" Braun
BJ "The Ladies Man" Lippie
Javier "JT NCA" Montoya
Aaron "The Wall" Smith
Paul "Best Male Flyer" Zelenka

Winter

CO~MVPS ~ Rachel Nida & Caroline Parilac
Leadership ~ Teresa Lenzo
SPIRIT Award ~ Jackie Duncan

Dancin' Devils

With a new coach this year, Nicole Barker, and a new team name, the pom squad had a very successful season. The girls began the season with multiple fund-raisers in order to purchase new uniforms and pay for camp fees and competitions. Even though this was the pom squad's first year performing at a competitive level, they still managed to never come home empty handed, advancing to State. Even though they had their struggles throughout the season, they still did better than anyone would have thought, but it didn't come without hard work. Practices were held three times a week, sometimes four, for three hours. This year the pom squad finally got the respect they have been striving for all along.

by Jessica Elliott

Freshman Brianna Lambert helps freshman Kelly McHugh get ready for her ensemble danced to a Michael Jackson mix. Fellow freshman Heather Hillman also performed in the ensemble. They qualified for Regionals



FAVORITE THING ABOUT YOUR COACH?



"My coach was great, she was very supportive and always wanting more of us."



"Even though we gave her trouble, she was still very dedicated to us. Without her we never would have gotten as far as we did."



Lauren Brandenburg, Natalie Oliverio, Janette Cherry, Amber Wendell and Kim Braden get ready to perform in the Labor Day Parade.

Amanda Smith and Alexis Wolters sit in a spirit block at a home game with the pom squad mascot Katelyn Hadu.





The LHS Pom Squad: (front) Anna Reiling, Katelyn Hadu, Alexis Wolters, (middle) Lauren Brandenburg, Laura Moreland, Kelly McHugh, Amanda Smith, Natalie Oliverio, (back) coach Nicole Barker, Jessica Elliott, Sara Cales, Kim Braden, Brianna Lambert, Heather Hillman, Janette Cherry, and assistant coach Shannon Bardwell.

Alexis Wolters and freshman Natalie Oliverio help assistant coach Shannon Bardwell put up junior Amanda Smith's hair.





Junior Laura Moreland takes a brief nap between performances at Regional.

Tumbling

Gymnastics scoreboard

MEMORABLE MOMENT?



"When Mr. Becker tripped over a mat and did a forward roll on purpose."



"My most memorable moment would have to be when I got a 7.3 on beam."

Sophomore Becky Bailitz concentrates hard to stay on the beam at a home meet.



Coached this year by John Becker, the gymnastics team may not have beaten many other teams, but the hard work was still worth it as many of the girls accomplished personal goals. The team started off with eight girls and ended with only five due to drop-outs and injuries. Even though it was an overall rocky season, the girls still had fun.

by Jessica Elliott



Brynn O'Keefe performs her floor exercise at a home meet.



The LHS Gymnastics Team: (front) Wendy Strickhorn, Julie Eberle, (middle) mgr. Amanda Keck, Christine Midkiff, Becky Bailitz, Tania Nammari and (back) Brynn O'Keefe.

Most Improved: Becky Bailitz
Coaches Award: Becky Bailitz
Captains Award: Julie Eberle
Consistency Award: Julie Eberle



Brynn O'Keefe balanced on beam at a home meet. O'Keefe competed in all categories but was strongest in beam.

Gymnastics stats

Plymouth	L
Valparaiso	L
Chesterton	9 of 10
Portage	L
Hobart	L
MichiganCity	L
Harrison	9 of 9
Crown Point	L
LaPorte	L
Sectional	9 of 9

Baseball Blastin' Balls

Baseball has always been a sport of legends. People set goals like being the next Mickey Mantle, or hitting home runs like Babe Ruth. On our local baseball team, we have legends of our own. Most of these boys have been playing together since Little League, and have accomplished more than they ever expected. This year the boys set out with a goal in mind: to prove to the area that they were the best. They started out the season with one of the most respectable records around. Their record wasn't good because of luck, but because of the hard work and effort these players put into their season. They strived to be the best, and they surpassed their goals by miles, while still carrying themselves with respect and sportsmanship. The team was feared by many because of their reputation they built up and they proved it was true by beating teams like Highland, Griffith, and Bishop Noll. These boys will walk away from this season knowing that they became one the best around, in everyone eyes.

by Rachel Wielgos



Senior standout Andy Vassar sends a shot to center field as the Devils defeat Wheeler 7-5. Vassar had a very strong year at the plate.



The powerful Mike Lopez waits for his perfect pitch. He was a big part of this successful season, both in the field and at the plate.



Matt Roberts waits at shortstop for a ball to come his way. He played hard all season and will be looked to next year as a team leader.



Junior catcher CJ Hall smoothly takes the pitch before the game as he warms up the pitcher. This was Hall's first year catching for the varsity.



Seniors Andy Vassar, Dan Blaskovich and Marc Keilman talk about a strategy to defeat who ever they take on. These three boys were a huge part of the team this year, all as members of the pitching squad.



The infamous Ryan Basham runs in on a ball. Basham is an amazing baseball player, smashing many the LHS hitting records.

Matt Kopka throws the ball in from right field after a big catch to save a run from scoring. Kopka was a key player in his final season.



The Varsity Baseball Team:(front) Matt Kopka, Marc Keilman, Mike Lopez, Dan Blaskovich (middle) manager Katie McQuiston, Brian Sciackitano, Tim Simmons, Andy Vassar, Jason Butchart, manager Johanna Hess, (back) coach Kent Hess, Jeremy Schares, Justin Bales, CJ Hall, Matt Roberts, Ryan Basham, and coach Randy Bays.





Senior Brian Sciackitano gets ready for the game as junior Ryan Basham takes notes. Sciackitano had an outstanding season this year.

Quips & Quotes



"It is nice because I have been on some teams before where not everyone wanted to be there. This year we all did."



"This season has been great. We all got along and worked really good together."

1st Team All-Conference-
Ryan Basham
2nd Team All-Conference-
Brian Sciackitano, Tim Simmons
Honorable Mention All-Conference-
Andy Vassar, Mike Lopez, Matt Roberts
Academic All-Conference-
Andy Vassar, Marc Keilman, Jason Butchart
Most Improved- Tim Simmons
L-Club Leadership- Brian Sciackitano
Batting Champion- Ryan Basham
Gold Glove Award- Mike Lopez



Tim Simmons winds up to throw a fast ball, sending this one by the batter. This was Simmons' first year on varsity, but he didn't let it show .

Wheeler	*7-5*	*Highland*	*3-2*
Rensselaer	*5-2*	*Morton*	*7-2*
Boone Grove	*1-2*	*Andrean*	*1-7*
E.C. Central	*3-2*	*Lake Central*	*4-2*
Clark	*2-6*	*Hebron*	*12-1*
Munster	*0-15*	*Kankakee Valley*	*3-5*
Hanover C	*14-4*	*Crown Point*	*0-8*
Gavit	*7-6*	*North Newton*	*11-1*
Griffith	*6-4*	*Laporte*	*2-3*
Bishop Noll	*8-7*	*LAC Tourney*	
LaCrosse	*14-1*	*Calumet*	*15-0*
Hammond	*9-2*	*Bishop Noll*	*6-8*
Gary Wallace	*28-2*	*Gavit*	*1-0*
Lake Station	*21-1*	*Griffith*	*3-15*
Whiting	*11-2*	*Sectional*	
Merrillville	*3-5*	*West Side*	*10-0*
Calumet	*16-1*	*Munster*	*0-8*

Varsity

Sliding Home

Softball

The girls softball team did not make it to 20 wins this season, as has been a tradition for many years, but the girls did manage to turn a few heads. With a record of 14-15, it may seem that the season had a mediocre outcome. Ask one of the softball players or the coaches though, and they may respond differently. This year the team was led by five seniors who all stressed team unity and making a memorable season for the underclassmen. "This season we all got along. We joke around, and we're all the best of friends," said Tiffany Meyers at the end of the year. With an amazing 1-0 win in extra innings against No. 5 Hanover Central, and a spectacular 3-0 win against top-ranked Andrean, the girls proved to have pure dedication and a desire to win.

by Rya Nord



Catcher Rachel Huseman and pitcher Rachel Wielgos chat in the pitcher's circle in between throws. Both seniors were voted team captains for the amazing leadership skills they demonstrated throughout the season.



Kristin Kania and coach Jim Chancellor have a talk before the game begins. Kristin played center field most of the season.



Ashley Cicillian jogs across the outfield. She played right field and was a pinch runner this year.



"Three up, three down!" The infield meets at the mound before the inning to do a quick cheer. Before every inning, each infielder touched the ball for good luck prior to handing it to the pitcher.



Amber Roberts waits for the pitch at the plate. She was a freshman and played a variety of positions for the team through the season.

Most Valuable: Abby Ellis
Most Improved: Rachel Huseman
L-Club Leadership: Rachel Wielgos
Top Offensive Player: Katie Sullivan
"Get Dirty Award": Abby Ellis
Attitude and Hustle Award: Amber Roberts



Kristen O'Connell in mid-pitch. Kristen was one of two LHS pitchers this season and had an impressive junior year on the mound.

Senior Abby Ellis makes a throw to first base. This was Ellis' fourth year on the varsity team and her enthusiasm helped the players get "pumped up" before and after games.





The Varsity Softball Team: (front) Abby Ellis, (second) Katie Sullivan, Katie Mitchell, Rachel Huseman, Kristin Kania, (third) Natalie Hanas, Kristen O' Connell, Shannon Hemm, Tiffany Meyers, Megan Bachinski, Amber Roberts, Rya Nord, (back) coach Kelley Arndt, Krystal Krecker, coach Pete "Pablo" Iussig , Stefanie Garner, and coach Jim "Phat Dawg" Chancellor.



Katie Sullivan gets ready for action at first base. She was the offensive leader for the team this year.



Tiffany Meyers, down and ready for a grounder. Meyers played outfield and third base.

Quips Quotes

What was the best part of being a member of the Varsity softball team?



Tiffany Meyers

"Knowing that it's like a family. We all back each other up. Everyone gets along."



Rachel Wielgos

"The true views you get to see of your teammates. You get to see who your real friends are, and they make the season memorable and special."

Softball Stats

Opponent	W/L	Score
Munster	L	1-7
Crown Point	L	2-10
Elkhart Memorial	L	0-4
Hammond Clark	W	11-1
Portage	L	1-2
Bishop Noll	L	3-5
Valparaiso	L	0-2
Hammond Gavit	W	3-2
South Newton	W	4-0
Hanover Central	W	5-0
Griffith	L	0-3
Lake Central	L	2-10
Hammond	W	10-0
Lake Station	W	5-0
Whiting	W	4-3
Kankakee Valley	W	8-1
Calumet	W	11-1
Merrillville	W	10-3
Highland	L	0-2
Hammond Morton	W	5-4
McCutcheon	L	4-8
Andrean	W	3-0
Boone Grove	L	2-3
Hammond Gavit	W	5-0
F.W. Northrop (Trny)	L	0-5
P. Heights (Trny)	L	3-8
Penn (Trny)	L	2-5
Hobart (Sectional)	W	5-4
Merrillville (Sectional)	L	1-7

Softball Lingo and Favorite Phrases

"yucking it up" = messing around
tater = homerun
mono = being good friends
Pablo = Coach Iussig's nickname
Phat Dawg = Coach Chancellor's nickname
Stone Dawg = Coach Stoner's nickname
Neil Diamond = team's favorite singer
"5 in a row" = when the seniors bat after one another in the line-up
booty dance = Abby and Tiffany's pre-game warmup
prom = banned from team's speech
Faygo = team's favorite pop
ooh, nice, interesting, good times = sayings the team used often
"They're in the house" = greeting as a player's parents arrive
Bus Nazi = team's least favorite bus driver

Beyond the Limits

Boys Track

The boys track team had an strong finish with a record of 27-14. With a great second-place finish at the annual Lowell Relays, the boys won the distance medley, shuttle hurdles relay, and the shot put and discus. The team placed fifth at the Sectional, in Lowell, advancing four to the Regional. At the Sectional, senior Eric Holley won the 800-meter run by 36 hundredths of a second. This gave him a trip to the Valparaiso Regional, where he placed fifth, improving his time to 2:00.54, five seconds faster than the week before. Also, senior Robby Bryant had a great finish at the Sectional, placing third in the 300-meter hurdles. Scott Keithley and Cody VanDeursen also qualified for the Regional in the pole vault, placing third and fourth at the Sectional.

by Caroline Parilac



Robby Bryant practices hurdles the day before the Regional.

Eric Holley works hard to improve his time at practice.





Scott Keithley sails over the bar in the pole vault.



Junior Matt Storey concentrates hard before his throw.



B.J Beckrich, Jan Boyum, Toby Goetz and Scott Parker race to the finish line.

What were your first thoughts when you realized you advanced to Regionals?



"After being covered by other people's shadows during the past season, it was finally my time to shine. All the hard work and pain had finally paid off as I crossed the finish line. It was one of the best feelings in the world."



"After working for four years, this single accomplishment alone helped me to realize that I had finally achieved something that would define my career at Lowell High School."



After a tiring race, Matt Neswick catches his breath.



The 2002 Boys Track and Field Team: (front) Jeff Haberlin, John Atwood, Steve Smith, Trimalle Mayes, Rob Bryant, Sean Anderson, Chad Wietbrock, Josh Holder, David Schoon, Isaiah Mercado, (second row) Tommy Woroszylo, Jan Boyum, Pedro Lyra, Nick Brill, Scott Keithley, Shawn Brown, Brandon Beckrich, Steve Maloney, Garrett Thiel, Kyle Kras, (third row) David Bloch, Matt Neswick, Eric Mlynarczyk, Scott Schulz, Toby Goetz, Nick Parente, Eric Holley, Justin Wiler, Kyle Spicer, (fourth row) managers Kelsey Brown and Ashley Caudle, Matt Storey, Brad Lippie, Chris Marzotto, Eric Raszewski, Bob McLellan, Jon Parker, managers Christi Bult and Allison Heine, (back) assistant coach Keith Kilmer, Shane Crowley, Ryan Kersey, Javier Montoya, Cody VanDeursen, Luke Lukasik, Jayson Martin, Scott Parker, and head coach Mark Line. Not pictured: Mike O'Hare, Robbie Musgrave and manager Jill Bourrell.



Seniors Sean Anderson and Ryan Kersey wait for the race to begin.



Cody VanDeursen prepares for his run in the pole vault.



Nick Brill clears the high jump with ease.



During the hurdles, Steve Maloney and John Atwood give it their all.



Keeping up his pace, freshman Scott Schulz pushes hard to reach the finish line.

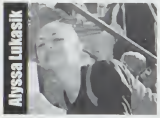
Most Valuable Distance: Eric Holley
Most Valuable Sprints: Rob Bryant
Most Valuable Field: Matt Storey
Most Improved: Steve Maloney
L-Club Leadership: Rob Bryant

Scores

Wheeler	L
Lake Central	L
CP/Munster	L
Hebron/Hobart	W
Lake Station/Gavit	W
Noll/Highland	L
Calumet/Gavit	W
H.Morton/H.Clark	W
Rensselaer/N.Newton	W
Lowell Relays	2nd of 5
KV/NJSP	W
LAC	7th of 13
Sectional	5th of 12

Stats

Quips Quotes



"This was my first year in track and I'm so glad I joined. I met so many new, awesome people and had a really good time."



"One thing I'll never forget was when our 4x800 relay qualified for Regional with a third place finish. We were all so excited."



The 2002 Girls Track and Field Team: (front) Amber Schmidt, Natalc Manes, Desiree Dandurand, Heather Kutemeier, Katrina Csepiga, Laretta Toomey, Aimee Sunny, Ashley Boege, Shelley Hardesty, (second row) Kelly Willis, Rebecca Parilac, Meaghan Jung, Alysha Tomlins, Alyssa Lukasik, Desiree Frigo, Katie Vanes, Nicole Cummins, Elyse Rigby, (third row) Stephanie Nasky, Sarah Smith, Lisa Schulfer, Amy Lee, Toni Clapp, managers Elizabeth DeVona and Peyton Finley, Brooke Morgan, Shana Holder, (back) assistant coach Deb Casey, Anita Blandford, Jennie Blandford, Vicky Hathaway, Gina Hathaway, Jessica Gray, Allison Ellis, Amy Conn, Hanna Vickoff, and head coach Chuck Naumowich.
Not pictured: assistant coach Joe Blandford.



Alyssa Lukasik hands off the baton to Katie Vanes during a relay race.

Sophomore Jennie Blandford practices the high jump in order to be ready for State the following day.

Most Valuable: Katrina Csepiga

L-Club Leadership: Katrina Csepiga

Most Improved: Katie Vanes

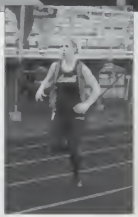
Season Stats

Merrillville	L
Bishop Noll	L
Crown Point/Munster	L
Hebron/Hobart	W
Lake Station/Gavit	W
Bishop Noll/Highland	L
Calumet/Gavit	W
Ham.Clark/Ham.Morton	W
Rensselaer/N. Newton	W
Wheeler	W
Calumet Invite	2nd of 8
KV/NJSP	L
LAC	3rd of 12
Sectional	4th of 12



Anita Blandford watches her discus fly.





Senior captain Katrina Csepiga sprints towards the finish line.

Record Breaking Girls Track



Hanging out at an away meet, coach Casey, Meaghan Yung, Amy Lee, Jessica Gray, Stephanie Nasky, Alyssa Lukasik, Ashley Boege and Katie Vanes are all smiles.



Gina Hathaway winds up to throw the discus.

The girls track season started off slowly, but eventually "took off". The team was led by only one experienced senior, Katrina Csepiga. In many of the meets, she dominated the hurdles, ending her high school career by placing fifth in the 300-meter low hurdles at Regional, where she also set a new school record of :48.49. The high jump was also incredibly strong for the team. Jennie Blandford finished first at the Gary Roosevelt Sectional, and tied for third with teammate Lisa Schulfer at the Highland Regional, advancing to the State Finals. "This was the first time that Lowell has advanced two athletes to the State Finals," stated Coach Naumowich. Blandford, unfortunately, did not place at State, but Schulfer was the first girl to clear the opening height, this year at 5'2, in the history of the of the girls track team. Schulfer ended up in a 10-way tie for 15th. Other Regional qualifiers included Katie Vanes, 300-meter low hurdles, Sarah Smith, 3200-meter run, and the 3200-meter relay team of Smith, Toni Clapp, Rebecca Parilac and Amber Schmidt. Together, the team finished 13-4.

by Caroline Parilac



During the 800-meter run, Toni Clapp, Amber Schmidt and Brooke Morgan strive to improve their times.



Coaches Naumowich and Casey give the girls a pep talk before the race.



Planning her landing, Katie Vanes pushes for a long jump.



Shelley Hardesty, at the starting block, anxiously waits for the start of the race with Lisa Schulfer.



On the last leg of the race, Desiree Frigo runs strong.

Quips Quotes



"This year was the best year ever. All the girls are great. I love them all and will miss all the fun times we had together. Good luck to the underclassmen. Cherish your tennis time because it will be over before you know it."



"I like team meals and Ghetto Gretta. This year was fun, and I'm going to miss Jesica."



"I really like the sour grapes that Mrs. Cusic brings to all the matches."

With only two seniors on the varsity squad, the Red Devils should have been in a rebuilding stage. Instead, because of the incredible leadership of Jesica Pillar and Elisabetta Rusconi, the emergence of Kim Goodrich and Kendall Schultz, the consistency of Emily Huber and Katie Fedler, and the rising talent of Kate Sciackitano, the girls battled for Sectional and Conference titles. Five of their eight losses were 3-2. Rusconi began the season 0-7, but finished 9-11. Goodrich and Schultz were penciled in at junior varsity, and quickly got promoted. Emily Huber went 13-8 as she split time between one and two singles, and Katie Fedler finished the season at an amazing 19-2. In addition to those seven, Meredith Cusic, Katie Rumisek and Mary Taylor will receive varsity letters.

by Kim Sypulski



The 2001-2002 Girls Tennis Team: (front) Mary Favors, Emily Hoyt, Lisa Early, Sarah Maloney, Natalie Bruce, (middle) Kate Sciackitano, Katie Fedler, Emily Huber, Elisabetta Rusconi , Meredith Cusic, Caroline Vaandrager, Jackie McCrary, Ashley Boyer, Melissa Morfoot, Katie Cooper, Christine Fik, (back) coach Joe Gianotti, Kim Goodrich, Kendall Schultz, Sarah Martin, Meghan Steuer, Mary Taylor, Jesica Pillar, Sarah Sanders, Amanda Parker, Beth Ferry, Katie Rumisek, and Kristen Alberts.

Stats

Varsity

Griffith	W	4-1
Munster	W	4-1
Calumet	W	4-1
Crown Point	L	0-5
Merrillville	L	2-3
Andrean	W	3-2
Lake Station	W	5-0
Hammond Gavit	W	4-1
Lake Central	L	2-3
Hobart	W	5-0
Highland	W	3-2
Bishop Noll	W	3-2
Hanover Central	W	4-1
Kankakee Valley	W	5-0

Junior Varsity

Griffith	W	5-0
Munster	L	0-5
Calumet	W	5-0
Crown Point	L	1-4
Merrillville	W	3-2
Andrean	L	1-4
Lake Station	W	5-0
Hammond Gavit	W	5-0
Lake Central	L	0-5
Hobart	W	5-0
Highland	W	3-2
Bishop Noll	W	5-0
Hanover Central	W	5-0
Kankakee Valley	W	3-2

Tournaments

LaPorte (Var. Trny)

Elkhart Central	L	2-3
LaPorte	L	2-3

Sectional

Highland	W	4-1
Lake Central	L	2-3

LAC

Gavit	W	3-2
Munster	L	1-4
Bishop Noll	L	3rd of 13



Assistant Coach Joe Moore and Coach Joe Gianotti talk about their strategy for the match. The girls appreciated Moore, who volunteered literally hundreds of hours of instruction. Without his aid, the season and the tennis program would not be nearly at the stage of development that it has reached.



"Tennis was so cool. For real it was the best. We owe all our success to Ghetto Gretta," claims Kate Sciackitano.



Katie Cooper and Ashley Boyer peek through the fence to check out the action on the court.

Tennis



Katie Fedler serves it up. She played Number Three singles, where her points were much appreciated by the team.



Mary Taylor returns the ball for the point. She played J.V. doubles this year.





Jesica Pillar gets ready to return the ball. Pillar played Number One doubles this year and was also the team captain.



Elisabetta Rusconi eyes the ball to score a point for the team. Rusconi played Number One singles for the Lady Red Devils.



Kate Sciackitano waits to return the ball. She played Number One doubles with Pillar and always kept a smile on her face.



Katie Rumisek leaps for the ball. She played J.V. singles and looks like a very promising player.



Superfan Mr. Sciackitano points out one of his favorite players. He attended every match to support the girls on their quest to conquer all.



Emily Huber dives down for a hit. She played NumberTwo singles this year.

Birdie Boys Golf

Boone Grove Invite C

With almost all of the last year's Sectional champions returning, the Red Devil Boys' Golf team was ready for a repeat this season. There were a few disappointments along the way, including Conference losses to Munster and Highland, who edged their way past Lowell with their fifth golfer's score. One of the many highlights of the season came at the Boone Grove Invite, when they putted to victory over seven other teams. According to Nick Runyon, a returning junior, winning at Boone Grove was his best memory of the season. Despite the disappointment of the team taking fourth at Sectional, there was a positive outcome, as Runyon advanced to the LaPorte Regional. The team will take on a whole new look next year with the departure of five seniors, Steve Aguilar, Nick Williams, Joe Vandercar, Justin McLean and Bob Basso. What Vandercar will miss the most about high school golf is the competition. "It's so fun to go out and try to defeat another player," he said. Even though this was Bob Basso's first and only year on the golf team, he made a big impression. Freshman Myles Basso admitted he'll miss his older brother next season: "He was a good role model for me."

Practice can be tough, from the looks of the LHS Varsity Golf Team: (front) Nick Runyon, Nick Williams, Steve Aguilar, (back) Mike Marszalek, Justin McLean and Joe Vandercar.





Freshman Tom Bassett takes a swing at the ball, hoping to chip it in the hole.



by Ashley Greene

What has been your worst moment of the season?



"When I had to miss a match because I went to prom!"



"Losing to Highland by the fifth man."



"Losing to Munster and Highland."



"Choking on the ninth green at Turkey Creek."

ampions



Following his shot down the fairway, Steve Aguilar was one of four seniors on this year's Varsity team.



Second-year golfer and sophomore Josh Chermak tees off and watches his ball soar through the air.



Tiger Woods wanna-be and senior Justin McLean plays around while waiting for his turn on the practice green.



The LHS Boys Golf Team: (front) Bob Basso, Tom Bassett, (second) Josh Chermak, John Huseman, Myles Basso, Rodney Cusic, (third) Steve Aguilar, Nick Williams, Joe Vandercar, Mike Marszalek, Nick Runyon, Justin McLean and (back) coach Nathan Thomas.

Most Valuable: Nick Williams
Most Improved: Steve Aguilar
L-Club Leadership: Nick Williams
Top Freshman Golfer: Rodney Cusic
Top Sophomore Golfer: John Huseman
Top Junior Golfer: Nick Runyon
Top Senior Golfer: Nick Williams

Getting low to the ground, senior Nick Williams looks toward the hole as he determines his next shot.





Carrying the load for the Red Devils, Justin McLean, coach Nathan Thomas, Mike Marszalek and Joe Vandercar celebrate a strong practice round.

scoreboard stats

Hammond Clark	157-267
Bishop Noll	162-186
Hammond Gavit	165-205
Munster	171-155
Griffith	167-186
Hammond	171-206
Lake Station	153-221
Whiting	174-253
Kankakee Valley	4th of 16
Calumet	163-192
Highland	170-170
Rensselaer (Inv.)	6th of 22
Boone Grove (Inv.)	1st of 8
Hammond Morton	160-178
Andrean	172-175
Hanover Central	173-182
Kankakee Valley	173-167
Lake Central (Inv.)	6th of 15
LAC Invite	5th of 13
Sectional	4th of 13
Regional(Nick Runyon)	87

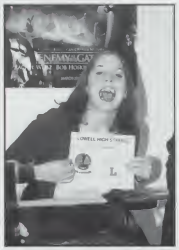
Taping 'em up!

Student Athletic Training begins even before summer starts. The application process starts in May of the previous school year, and the trainers are selected by Kent Lindsay before the end of May. All of the selected trainers then began fund-raising for all of the supplies needed for the next school year by having a walk-a-thon in Chicago. In July, the trainers have an orientation the entire week before the fall season officially starts. They learned how to tape, and also became CPR-certified. Fall season included 10 girls who attended every football game, along with all of the practices and games of their sport each week. The 12 girls during winter season had a blast trying to make the best of being stuck in the gym every day. Spring season also consisted of 10 girls. The trainers rotated through each sport, while also making sure to attend the Lowell Relays and Sectional. This was definitely the highlight of their season. Student Athletic Training gave these girls great qualities and skills that they will be able to use throughout their futures.

by Alana Garton

Christine Fik, Beth Curtis, Meredith Cusic, Danielle Equihua, Alana Garton, Laretta Toomey, and Mackenzie Bales take a break from a Sectional football game.





Senior Meredith Cusic shows off her varsity letter certificate at the Fall Sports Program. She was definitely proud of that one!



Sophomores Laretta Toomey, Mackenzie Bales, and Danielle Equihua sit during halftime.



Mackenzie Bales and Megan Flores watch the boys track Sectional during the spring season. They were both sophomores this year.



Fall Season: Alana Garton, Erinn Kopka, Beth Benecki, Athletic Trainer Kent Lindsay, Meredith Cusic, Donna Conley, Danielle Equihua, Laretta Toomey, Amy Lee, and Bethany Drawbaugh. Not pictured: Christine Fik.



Winter Season: (front): Laurel Swart, Katrina Csepiga, Meredith Cusic, Alana Garton, Beth Curtis, Ashley Jurs, (back): Kent Lindsay, Megan Flores, Christine Fik, Laretta Toomey, Jessica Barker, Emily Daugherty and Mackenzie Bales.

Not Pictured Spring Season: Alana Garton, Courtney Wilson, Emily Daugherty, Jessica Cooper, Laurel Swart, Abby Dahl, Mackenzie Bales, Danielle Equihua, Megan Flores, Caroline Parilac.

Memorable Moments

Jess Cooper



"Playing with the llama face and the time book mania!!!"

Courtney Wilson



"When my golf cart joy ride almost turned into a fatal accident with the school."

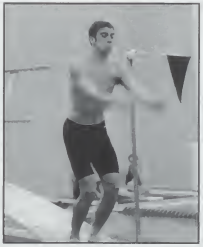
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Senior Rob Bryant prepares for one of his dives at a swim meet. This was his third year in the sport of diving.

This year, the diving team consisted of five boys and five girls. Their coach was George Bader. Even though the diving team gained many new divers this year, they still did very well. The divers on the team were seniors Rob Bryant, Jayson Martin, and Heidi Skarpodde, sophomores Kyle Govert, Mike Kostelnik, Mike Collins, and Katie Vanes, and freshmen Mollie Novak, Amber Roberts, and Mary Hayes. Rob Bryant, Kyle Govert, and Mike Kostelnik were the only three experienced divers on the team; and the rest had never dove before. Bryant and Govert were also the first two LHS divers to place first and second in the Conference tournament. Govert placed first and Bryant was second. They both made it to the Regional, but neither placed. Overall, the diving teams had a rebuilding, yet also productive, year.

by Alana Garton



Mike Collins jumps off the board for his dive at a swim meet. Collins was a sophomore this year, and this was his first year as a diver.

What was your favorite moment?



Rob Bryant

"Getting to watch everyone mess up, like when Jayson Martin belly flopped."



Mike Collins

"I got second place this season at one of the meets!"



Katie Vanes thinks about the dive she is about to perform at a swim meet. Vanes was a sophomore, and this was her first year in diving.



Amber Roberts takes the last step on the board before she completes her dive into the pool. She was a freshman this year.

Juggernauts

"Unstoppable Force"



A successful handoff by Scott Schulz gave the ball to Kyle Mitsch.

Junior Varsity

Despite injuries to key players, the Lowell JV toughed it out to finish 5-3. They opened with four straight wins, including a first-time 36-8 drubbing of Highland after a 19-0 shut-out over Lake Station and a 48-14 rout of Crown Point, and followed by a 34-7 win over Hammond. Bouncing back from a loss to Griffith, the Red Devils kept the 'Milk Carton' with a 14-8, come-from-behind win over KV.

Freshman

The Red Devil frosh had a great season. They barely had enough players to field a team in August, but 'beefed up' to start 5-0 under coaches Greg Holdeman and Ed Miracle. Their only loss came to Griffith 28-6, after which they won three more in a row, 38-0 over Morton, 32-8 over Munster and 26-7 over Andrean. They out-scored opponents 250-61, allowed only seven TD's and posted three shut-outs. QB/FS Scott Schulz had three interceptions, while RB Toby Goetz gained 1,100 yards in 135 carries and scored 120 points.





The freshman team breaks off their huddle and gets ready to defend their goal.



Jimmy Jeffries gets ready to kick a field goal.

What was the best thing about the season?



Kevin Karaplas

"...beating Munster..."



David Schoen

"I can't recall the best thing... I liked it all."



Bobby Dallas

"Seeing coach Holdeman do a cart-wheel on the football field after we beat Munster."



Brian Jones looks for a signal from his coach.

Nick DeVries kicks off to begin a game.





Mike McKenna hustles toward the action.



The junior varsity offense gets set for the snap on the attack.



Toby Goetz gets the hand off and takes off.



The LHS freshman team celebrates their 8-1 season, including shut-outs over Highland (22-0), Hammond (36-0) and Morton (38-0).

Junior Varsity

Crown Point	W
Lake Station	W
Highland	W
Hammond	W
Griffith	L
KV	W
Munster	L
Andrean	L

Freshman

Crown Point	W
Rensselaer	W
E.C. Central	W
Highland	W
Hammond	W
Griffith	L
Morton	W
Munster	W
Andrean	W

Quips Quotes



"All the girls really came together this year and played as a team. It showed in the success we had."



"We had a lot of fun together, especially at Brooke's house. Me and my best friend Dana Johnson had a lot of fun, too."



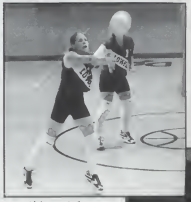
The Freshman Team: (front) Vanessa Esenberg, Amy Denton, Tammy Powers, Mary Coffman, Jamie Rossi, (back) Vicky Hathaway, Sidney Schuttrow, Hannah Penman, Beth Ann Niksch, and coach Renee Sierzega.



The JV Team: (front) Beth Ferry, Brooke Bell, Jenny Dowling, Kate Sciackitano, Laurel Swart, (middle) Mackensie Bales, Mary Taylor, Ashley Lukasik, (back) coach Erinn Malaski, Alyssa Lukasik, Nicole Johnson, Amber Roberts, and Dana Johnson.



Tammy Powers shows good form as she bumps the ball to her teammate. She showed great improvement as the season progressed.



Sidney Schuttrow bumps the ball to make a great return. She always played aggressive, making her a great asset to the freshman team.

Junior Varsity

Opponent	Results
N. Newton	L 14-16 9-15
Merrillville	W 9-15 15-13 15-8
Munster	L 13-15 6-15
Hobart	W 15-13 15-10
Ham. Clark	W 15-8 8-15 15-5
Portage	L 14-16 15-7 4-15
Bishop Noll	W 15-12 15-9
Gavit	W 15-7 15-11
Griffith	W 13-15 15-12 15-13
Hammond	W 15-5 15-11
Crown Point	L 13-15 5-15
Lk Station	W 15-9 15-11
Whiting	W 15-9 15-1
Hanover	L 10-15 15-9 15-17
Calumet	L 14-16 16-14 5-15
Highland	L 11-15 15-9 7-15
Lk Central	L 4-15 5-15
Morton	W 15-12 15-13
Andrean	W 10-15 15-9 15-4
Rensselaer	W 15-8 15-3
K. Valley	W 13-15 15-7 15-10
Hebron	W 17-15 15-10
Wheeler	W 15-10 15-9
Valparaiso	L 12-15 10-15

Freshmen

Opponent	Results
N. Newton	W 15-9 15-9
K. Valley	L 9-15 12-15
Hobart	W 15-9 15-8
Griffith	W 15-9 15-8
Gavit	W 15-12 15-9
Valparaiso	L 4-15 15-13 6-15
Crown Point	W 15-5 15-8
Rensselaer	W 15-8 15-12
Portage	W 15-10 15-4
Andrean	W 15-7 15-8
Merrillville	W 15-8 15-10
Bishop Noll	W 15-9 15-13
B. Grove Try	2nd place
Crown Point	W 15-5 15-8
N. Newton	W 15-4 15-6
K. Valley	W 15-7 17-15
Hanover	W 15-6 15-9
Griffith	L 15-8 13-15 11-15
Andrean	W 15-2 15-12
Lk Central	W 1-15 15-13 15-11
Calumet	W 15-2 15-7
Munster	L 15-9 8-15 6-15
Hebron	W 15-5 15-10



Mackensie Bales prepares to serve an ace to her opponents. This JV player suffered from an ankle injury this season.



The freshman team breaks from an enthusiastic huddle. Their entire season was filled with aggressive and hard-fought games.

Freshman & JV



Amber Roberts and Dana Johnson pump each other up as they wait for play to begin. These two freshmen were in the JV starting line-up.

Junior Varsity

The JV team showed great improvement this season. They started off rather weak, but once they realized their potential, they really pulled together. The key to their success was team chemistry. They placed second at the Lowell JV Tourney and upset Andrean and Bishop Noll in regular season games.

Freshman

The Freshman team showed great progress this season as well. In the beginning, there were fights between the girls and a lack of enthusiasm. But in time, the conflicts ended and the cheers came. Once they started playing as a team, the Devils were unstoppable. They came back from a tourney loss to Lake Central, beating them in the regular season. Other rival wins included KV and Andrean.

by Niki Hanas

Kate Sciackitano makes a great set to keep the play going. Kate was a real leader for the JV team and moved up to varsity for the Sectional.



Freshman Hannah Penman celebrates after an awesome play. She was always cheering and getting the team pumped up.





JV player Brooke Bell spikes the ball back over to her opponents. Brooke was very consistent all year and got moved up to varsity toward the end of the season.



Ashley Lukasik serves up an ace. She was a strong setter for the JV and got moved up to varsity for the Sectional.



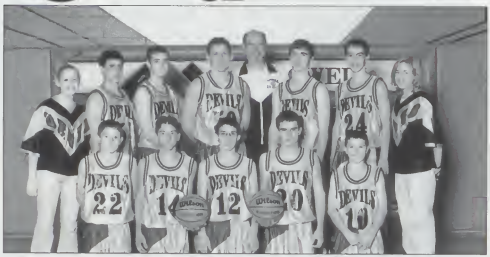
Freshman Mary Coffman gives it her all as she bumps the ball. "In middle school we weren't that great. It felt good to win some games this year," she said.



Nicole Johnson powers up to block the ball. She was a strong player in the back row for the JV team and got moved up to varsity by the end of the season.

Freshman & Jr. Varsity

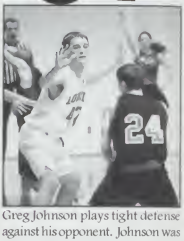
Stats & Stories



The 2001-2002 Freshman Boys Basketball Team: (front) Mike Smith, Thomas Woroszylo, Troy Govert, Scott Schulz, Michael Beier, (back) mgr. Mary Favors, Randy Lukasik, Danny Sanger, Toby Goetz, coach Chuck Bishop, Rodney Cusic, John Atwood, and mgr. Beth Ann Niksch.



JV coach Jess Funston gives Jimmy Jeffries, Dustin Manis, Greg Johnson, Ryan Metz and Justin Henley a pep talk before the second half.



Greg Johnson plays tight defense against his opponent. Johnson was a very dedicated JV player.



Sophomore Dustin Manis drives past his opponent for two points. This was his first year at Lowell and he was a great asset to the JV team.



Scott Schulz keeps a hold on the ball while his opponent tries to make a steal. Schulz is a freshman with a very promising future.

Junior Varsity

Lake Central	L	27-42
Calumet	W	49-47
Bishop Noll	L	34-35
Ham. Morton	W	36-20
North Newton	W	52-39
Hammond	W	52-48
Hobart	L	34-37
Hanover Central	W	25-15
Munster	L	33-37
Whiting	W	69-06
Highland	L	26-35
Hammond Clark	W	39-35
Lake Station	W	45-34
Kankakee Valley	L	35-38
Griffith	L	25-39
Hammond Gavit	W	40-22
Wheeler	L	20-22
Crown Point	L	37-47

Tournaments

JV Tourney

Griffith	L	29-35
Munster	L	43-59

Freshman Tourney

Hanover	L	44-55
South Newton	W	35-26

Freshman

Hebron	L	41-45
Kankakee Valley	L	31-36
Munster	L	18-32
Lake Central	L	27-52
Hammond Clark	W	41-39
Bishop Noll	W	40-38
North Newton	W	51-35
Wheeler	W	58-55
Crown Point	L	12-56
Hammond Gavit	W	40-20
Griffith	L	28-44
Hanover Central	L	34-48
Hammond	L	31-47
Lake Station	W	40-27
Calumet	L	42-76
Highland	L	27-31
Andrean	L	35-53

Basketball

Junior Varsity

The J.V. season is best described by one of its players, Trimalle Mayes: "People thought we weren't going to win that many games, but we proved them wrong." The team fought hard for their record of 9-11. The season was successful "because our team worked well together," said Zach Stiener. With hard work and dedication, this team will improve their record in the future.

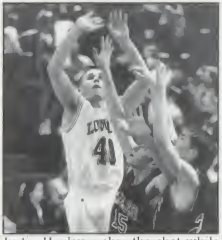
Freshman

This team, with steady improvement, looks to be very promising for Lowell's future. Tommy Woroszylo agrees with this statement, looking back on past years. "I am fairly happy with our season. We didn't make it to 500, but we did a lot better than our eighth grade year," said Woroszylo.

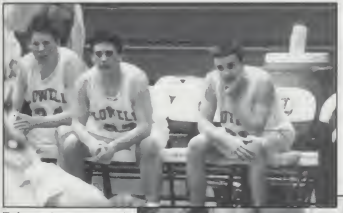
by Kim Sypulski



Zach Stiener takes the ball down the court. He played many positions for the JV and was always up for the challenge.



Justin Henley makes the shot while being heavily guarded. He played guard for the JV and later played some varsity ball.



Toby Goetz, Randy Lukasik and Scott Schultz wait patiently to re-enter a tight freshman game.



Zach Stiener and Justin Henley box out for a rebound in JV play.



Coach Funston gives his JV team some help during a quick time out. This was Funston's twelfth year as a coach.



Jimmy Jeffries is on the line for a foul shot.

Quips & Quotes



Randy Lukasik

"What I will remember most about this season was sitting next to Zach Stiener on the bench."



Trimalle Mayes

"I will always remember when asst. coach Whitehead scared me with the mongoose twice."

Base Hit...

The JV and Freshman baseball teams encountered many un-needed feats this season, starting with the wacky weather. The freshman team also got a new coach this season, Shane Charpentier. The JV team got off to a rocky start with three losses in a row, but then they finished up with a bang, running up a 10-game winning streak. Coach John Becker said, "This was a very fun team to coach. We had to battle the weather for most of the season, but we never let it get to us. Of course, when you are on a 10-game winning streak, you tend to forget how cold it actually is." Some of the junior varsity teams' toughest games were Boone Grove, Valparaiso and Crown Point. The freshman team also had a good season, going 8-11-1. They had some very tough games against Munster, Highland and Crown Point. Without those tough games, neither team would have had the ability to grow and bond like they did. Coach Charpentier said, "I love baseball and one of my goals in life was to coach.... coaching the freshman baseball team this year was completely fulfilling--it was worth all of the time and energy spent."

by Brandice Olivotto



Jake Black is trying to stop a Bishop Noll player from stealing third.



Making it look easy got rough and during

What did you enjoy most about your season?



Eddie Overdorf

"I thought that our team played very well this season and I can't wait to play again next year."



Tom LaFlech

"This season I thought that it was really cool when we were on our 10-game winning streak."



Luke Reed

"My favorite part of this season was screaming for my teammates from the bench."



Nathan Eat

"I enjoyed the team that I got to play with. All of these guys are my good friends."



was Eddie Overdorf's strategy for the season when times the 10-game winning streak.



To get a winning hit, Bill Broukal decides to bunt.



Brian Stamper is distracting the Bishop Noll team so they don't score.

Huddling up together before a home game brought this team alot closer.





Eddie Overdorf, the strikeout king, pitches his heart out in the Bishop Noll game.



The Junior Varsity Baseball Team: (front) Brian Stamper, Nate Oaf, Greg Johnson, Jon Newton, (middle) Lauren Levin, Dan Baiette, Tom LaFlech, Jake Black, Jake Reed, Mike Stoner, manager Erin Kopka, (back) Bill Broukal, Drew Peterson, Eddie Overdorf, Jason Corns, Chris Drazba, and coach John Becker.



The Freshman Baseball Team: (front) Kevin Gilbert, Troy Govert, Mike Smith, Randy Lukasik, Mike Malino, (middle) Larin Childress, Bobby Hayden, Clayton Miller, Kyle Kraatz, Kevin Karagias, Mike Beier,(back) coach Shane Charpentier, Dean Basso, Matt Kuzma, Garret Mercer, Nick Pevries, and Luke Lessig.

baseball stats

J.V.	
Boone Grove	0-5
Hmd. Clark	1-4
Munster	5-4
Hmd .Gavit	3-4
Griffith	9-12
Bishop Noll	3-4
Hobart	8-6
Hanover	7-3
Lake Station	13-3
Rensselaer	17-2
Calumet	6-5
Hebron	21-2
Highland	11-4
Hmd. Morton	18-2
KV	10-3
Valpo	0-11
Portage	6-9
Crown Point	12-13
W. Lafayette	6-1

Jumping up to the

Softball

The Red Devil JV softball team started their season off a little slow, but soon showed that they were a force to be reckoned with. The team got a couple of big wins when they defeated Valparaiso and McCutcheon. The team posted an 11-6 record, recording two losses to Munster. The season was a success with a six-game winning streak and they had fun doing it. This JV squad proved that they can win under any circumstances. They are a very young and promising bunch of girls, who should open some eyes when the reach the varsity level.

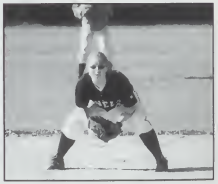
by Matthew Puskar



Becky Bailitz goes swinging for the fences in her attempt at the plate.



The team celebrates one of their many victories this year.



Tina Arnold holds strong while playing first base.

Season Stats

Junior Varsity

Munster	L	Lake Central	L
Crown Point	L	Munster	L
Hammond Clark	W	Calumet	W
Portage	L	Kankakee Valley	W
Bishop Noll	W	Merrillville	W
Valparaiso	W	Highland	W
Hammond Gavit	W	Hammond Morton	W
Hanover Central	L	McCutcheon	W
Griffith	W		



Mary Erpelding makes an easy out with toss to first base.

plate



The 2002 JV Softball Team: (front) Tina Arnold, Jennifer Lenzo, Mary Erpelding, Ashley Lukasik, Rachel Voss, Heather Stevens, (middle) Ashley Cicillian, Tasha Aguilar, Sarah Munjas, Nicole Johnson, Becky Bailitz (back) Sidney Schuttrow, Vanessa Esenberg, Hannah Penman and coach Mike Stoner.



Coach Mike Stoner shows support for the team. He was a strong leader and good influence on the girls.

Quips Quotes



Rachel Voss

" The season was a success in that we defeated some very tough teams, such as McCutcheon."



Vanessa Esenberg

"I loved that we always were having fun, especially in the outfield."



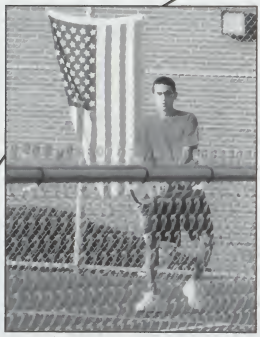
Ashley Lukasik attempts a sacrifice bunt to give her team the go-ahead run.



Jennifer Lenzo and Mary Erpelding wait in anticipation of their at- bat.



Sidney Schuttrow proved to be a strong infielder for the JV team.



Derek Hoots is focused to return a ball hit to him by his opponent. The flag in the background shows how truly patriotic our nation has become since the September 11th tragedy.

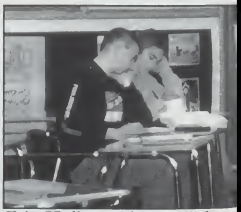
Rachel Huseman, a fourth-year Spanish student, makes a bracelet at the Spanish mercado.





Amber Roberts and Nicole Hanas are covered with whipped cream after Freshman FUNdamentals, but both girls seem happy nevertheless.





Eric Holley and Dan Fisher are studying hard to keep up with their classes during the Decathlon season, when they also read over 25,000 pages of curriculum. Both placed very high at State, helping LHS to place third among Large Schools and proving their dedication.

As we reach the final pages of this yearbook, our pictures and stories of the 2001-2002 school year must come to an end. Those who were freshmen have now become sophomores, sophomores are now juniors, juniors are seniors, and those who were seniors have leapt into the world of adulthood and are now facing new challenges and new beginnings. As scary or exciting as it may seem, we now have a new year ahead of us to create new memories, new goals, and new dreams to accomplish once again. So instead of an ending to something memorable, we must think of this closing as a beginning of what is to come. We have the chance to make the next year as amazing as the last; we have the chance to become great and spread our greatness like tiny dandelion seeds in the wind. So as we sit on our beds ten years from now, reading this book with soft, wimpering cries, and tears stain our bedspreads as we reflect on our high school lives, this is what happened as seen...

through our eyes.

A table at lunch is always packed so more talking and laughing can be had by all, which is evident at this table full of mostly juniors.

This year has been one of frustration, adventure and accomplishments for the LHS 'Lowellian' staff. You began this year with high expectations, fought your way through some difficult situations and pulled through to produce a fabulous yearbook for your classmates. After looking over the class list, we were confident coming in second semester this class would prove to be the success it should be. We had our struggles. Some of you pulled through, and others did not. The first day was a little scary. So many of you were so upset and frustrated with the way things had been, with little leadership for you to follow. We had to get you focused on what could be. This, what you have just looked through, is what could be. It is a beautiful book, with so much of your personalities coming through the pages and the writing. We are so proud of what you accomplished. There were days when we thought it might not happen. When summer came and many of you left a few of us with so much to finish, I thought it might not happen. Thanks to the dedicated students, mostly seniors believe it or not, we did it. And it was all turned in before our final deadline. We would like to take a moment and specifically thank those of you who dedicated yourself during the school year or summer to finish your work: Kim Oryhan (you were always on time and so dedicated, thanks for teaching me a thing or two!), Alana Garton (for completing all of the underclassmen album pages--oh my!), Cori Hildebrandt (you always met your deadlines and strived for perfection), Jennyfer Jansky (for the Saturdays spent working on the senior album and helping with the baby ads), Lindsay Peddy (for keeping the energy going in the room and helping whenever asked), Matthew Puskar (for always keeping us laughing and getting your pages done), Noel Schuyler (for keeping us in line and sharing your enthusiasm for yearbook), Rachel Wielgos (for always getting your pages completed on time), Brandi Olivotto (for selling more ads than the rest of the class combined), Lucas Smolik (for picking up the faculty pages when they weren't assigned to you and finishing them in the summer when you didn't want to be here), Hania Nammari (you always worked so hard and followed through with your responsibilities), Niki Hanas (summer is important to all of us, but at least you stuck to your responsibilities) and Kim Sypulski (for usually working on your pages and not dropping things at the end), Tim McHugh (for getting your work done and helping out when asked). While you all worked hard during the school year, our graditude goes out to those who came in during the summer to work on pages that were not assigned to them. Returning in the summer to work on the yearbook was a true test of character, and there were a few of you who rose to the occasion. We can only offer our thanks to you, but we will always remember you and the fun times we had together. Some of the time was fun, wasn't it? **Jessica Cooper**: thank you for spending your Saturdays and first week of summer finishing the pages covering the last events of the school year as well as finishing pages others did not complete. **Jessica Elliott:** We know it was a struggle to get here, but we are proud of you for getting your work done and not expecting someone else to pick up your pieces. **Ashley Greene:** You are a great person to have on staff because you are so reliable. Thanks for coming back in over the summer and offering to help with what was left. **Rusty Ramstrom**: Your true colors really came through in the end. Your help was so important in finishing all of those pages that were not yours and working with us when you weren't at work. **Rya Nord**: You are a truly gifted writer. Thank you for your dedication throughout June. We always knew we could count on you for anything. **Finally, there are two students who truly went above and beyond what was expected to make sure that this yearbook was completed on time, was a book we could all be proud of, and worked night and day on the computers. Caroline Parliac and Jenifer Pillar**, thank you for everything. We certainly will never be able to thank you or repay you for all that you did. You are two of the most wonderful young ladies we have ever had the experience to work with at LHS. Although the school, your peers and your teachers may not recognize it, we were all blessed to have the chance to know you and work so closely with you. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. You are the kinds of kids that make us look good.

Sarah Harger and Marlene Zloza, co-advisors

In Memory Of...

This year Lowell High School lost two wonderful people. We were all saddened by this loss and will always remember the difference they made in our lives.



Sarah Jasinski



Jeffery Wein



Matthew,
We are proud to be your family. You are an inspiration to us all. May life be everything that you have dreamt it would be.

Dad, Mom, and Mark



Nick,
You've grown into an incredible young man with a good heart. Keep your sense of humor and a smile on your face. Stay focused, 'cause the best is yet to come. Love ya,

Mom, Dad, Natalie and Katie

"Keep Smiling"



Michael G.

May all your hopes and dreams come true. Reach for the stars and never give up on your goals. We're very proud of you.
Love,

Mom, Anthony, and Brandon



Congratulations Baby Girl!

We're so proud of you!

Love,
Mom & Dad



Teresa,

Our love and pride for you started the day you were born; it has grown every year since. We are so very proud of you; we wish you great success in the next chapter in your life. Congratulations on your graduation from high school.

All our Love,
Mom & Dad



Tim,

You've grown up to be a wonderful, responsible young man. I'm so proud of you!

Love,
Mom



Congratulations Cori!

May all your dreams come true.

Love, Mom & Dad



Sarah.

We are very proud of you. Reach for the stars and all your goals and dreams will come true.

Love,
Mom & Dad



Robert,

If life could be this simple again...We're proud of the young man you turned out to be. Keep up the good work and you will go far in life.

Love,
Tim & Mom

Justin,

Thank you for bringing joy and laughter into our lives. We are so proud of you. You're the best!

Love,
Mom & Dad





Congratulations
Betta!
We're so proud of you.
Love,
All the Hubert's

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRAD!!!
DEBRA ELAINE BALLAS

Thank you for bringing so much joy into our lives.















D= Dynamic
E= Energetic
B= Bubbly
R= Remarkable
A= Ambitious

"Always be a first-rate version of yourself, instead of a second-rate version of someone else"

We are so proud of YOU and YOUR Accomplishments
Love,
Mom, Dad, Bob, Baba, Dedo, Grampa Pace, Grandma & Grandpa Ballas

Will Taylor,



You're Our First!
Congratulations!
Love,
Mom, Dad,
Mary, & Jack



DEBBY,
YOU'LL ALWAYS
BE A STAR
TO US!

Love,
Mom, Dad
& Theresa



Tim,

We love you
24/7 a day!

Dad, Mom, & Sean



Thanks for being
such a great kid!

Love,
Mom & Dad





Derek,

We are so proud of you. Thanks for bringing joy into our lives.
May all your dreams come true!

Love,
Mom & Dad



Jennyfer,

You've come a long way. Keep up the good work. We are very proud of you.

Love,
Mom & Dad



Jessica,

You were such a cute little girl and you have turned into a beautiful young lady. We are very proud of you.

Love,
Mom & Dad

Ronnie,

We are so proud of you and all your accomplishments!

Love,
Mom & Dad





Bobby-

No words could express how proud we are of you today and everyday. Your love for music, friends and family have touched our hearts. No matter what road you choose, we know that you will be successful.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Dean, & Myles

Jenifer and Jesica



We're so very proud of you!

Love Always,
Gram, Mom & Sis



Kimberly,

Thanks for the sunshine you have brought into our lives. We're so proud of you!

Love,
Dad & Mom



Danielle,

Our little pumpkin who is always a treat to be around. We know you will succeed no matter what you do!

We love you,
Dad, Mom, & Charla

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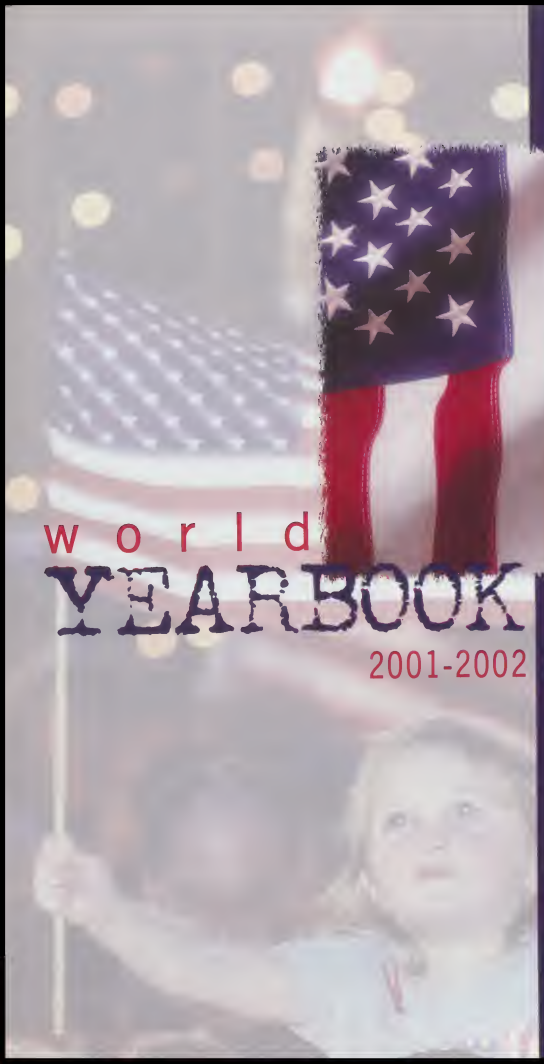
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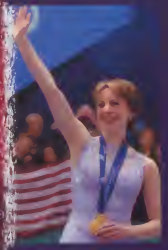
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Even though the total number of shark attacks decreased in 2001, a rash of highly publicized cases make this "the Summer of the Shark."



John Walker, the American Taliban, is being held for war crimes against the United States.



Princess Margaret, sister of Britain's Queen Elizabeth, dies at age 71.



Enron is the largest company in U.S. history to file for bankruptcy. Allegations arose concerning the shredding of documents believed to be connected to the company's use of funds from its employees' 401k program.



On Jan. 1, 2001, 12 European nations adopt a single currency called the Euro which becomes legal tender in Austria, Belgium, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Holland, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Portugal and Spain.



Daniel Pearl, a Wall Street Journal reporter, is kidnapped and murdered by the National Movement for the Restoration of Pakistani Sovereignty. President Bush declares, "The United States of America will rid the world of these agents of terror."



Million of acres of southeastern Australia are scorched by wildfires.



Ford and Firestone go their separate ways after a year of finger pointing in the deaths of more than 170 people in Ford Explorers equipped with Firestone Tires.



American Airlines Flight 587 leaving New York for Santo Domingo crashes three minutes after take off, killing 251 passengers and nine crew members.



Congressman Gary Condit is a central figure in the search for Chandra Levy, a Department of Justice Intern, who has been missing since April 2001.



The sun sets on the Taliban as U.S. soldiers raise an American flag from the World Trade Center at a U.S. Air Force base near the Afghan city of Kandahar. The United States organized its allies and began an all-out "War on Terrorism."



Slobodan Milosevic appears before the U.N. War Crimes Tribunal on charges for crimes against humanity during Yugoslavia's breakup in the 1990's.



Elizabeth Dole, former president of the American Red Cross and spouse of former presidential candidate Bob Dole, announces her candidacy for the Senate.



After being detained for more than three months by the Taliban, American aid workers Heather Mercer and Dayna Curry are rescued from Afghanistan.



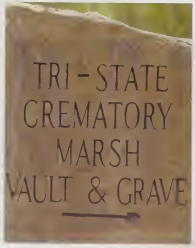
Letters containing anthrax are delivered to U.S. senators Patrick Leahy and Tom Daschle, and NBC News Anchor Tom Brokaw. The Senate office building was closed for three months. Five people died from inhalation anthrax.



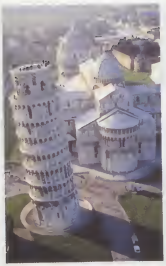
On June 11, Timothy McVeigh, convicted of the April 19, 1995, bombing of the Oklahoma City federal building, is executed by lethal injection.



A missile defense shield to protect the United States is a priority of the Bush Administration.



Hundreds of bodies are discovered at a Noble, Georgia crematory, some dating back more than 10 years.



After 12 years of construction, the efforts to stabilize the Leaning Tower of Pisa are complete.



Amnesty for illegal Mexican immigrants is promoted by President Bush.



The decision to allow federal funding for embryonic stem cell research only on stem cells from embryos already collected raises ethical questions.



Kmart, the giant discount retailer, files for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection while it reorganizes its holdings.

other NEWS

- Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon announced a plan to set buffer zones after an increase in violence against the Palestinian Authority.
- Jim Jeffords switched from the Republican GOP to the Democratic party's side of the aisle, causing an important shift in power and reorganization of the Senate.
- Crown Prince Dipendra of Nepal gunned down 10 members of the Nepalese Royal family before turning the gun on himself.
- A North Carolina state trooper killed one Green Beret and injured another when they tried to disarm him, believing that he was part of a training exercise.
- Experimental drug BL22, which targets only a rare form of leukemia cell, showed signs of great success in fighting hairy cell leukemia.
- Andrea Yates drowned her five children in the bathtub of her Texas home. She pled not guilty by reason of insanity.
- Charles Bishop, 15, stole a Cessna aircraft and crashed it into the Bank of America Plaza in Tampa, Florida.

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GM launches a program to cut its workforce by 10 percent through an early retirement program.

Ford

Ford looks to cut 12,000 union jobs and 8,000 salaried positions.



Britain's Prince Harry may face charges stemming from smoking marijuana and drinking underage.



Wendy's founder and spokesman Dave Thomas dies at age 69.





World leaders, such as Prime Minister of England Tony Blair, profess their sympathy and support for the United States.



Through his courageous leadership, NYC Mayor Rudy Giuliani becomes known as "Mayor of the World" and was knighted by Queen Elizabeth.



In response to the shocking tragedy, President George W. Bush addresses the nation offering strength, comfort and patriotism.

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Tuesday, September 11, 2001, will be remembered as a tragic day that changed the world. That morning, a plot, masterminded by terrorist Osama bin Laden and the al-Qaeda network, was put into action. Two hijacked commercial airliners were flown into New York City's World Trade Center Towers, ultimately causing their collapse. Immediately following the incident, another hijacked airliner crashed into one side of the Pentagon in Washington, D.C, and a fourth plane crashed in Pennsylvania. Thousands of lives were lost, citizens were terrified and the world was in shock.

Following that mournful day the United States experienced anthrax scares, continued security threats and the reality of war. Despite the horror, fear and heartache, U.S. citizens united and their patriotic spirit soared. President Bush promised: "We will not tire, we will not falter, we will not fail." Through that statement and the remarkable sense of national pride exuded by U.S. citizens, it became evident that no threat, great or small, could deter the United States resolve for enduring freedom.



Ailing airlines urge citizens to defy terrorists' attempts to disrupt lives by reboarding airplanes.



Thousands of people world-wide donate blood and volunteer their services to aid U.S. recovery.



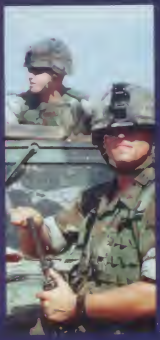
An overwhelming spirit of unity and national pride arises out of the smoldering ashes and human devastation from the September 11 attacks on the United States.

america's HEROES

- **Michael Benfante and John Cerqueira, employees on the 81st floor of the World Trade Center, selflessly carried wheelchair-bound Tina Hanson down 68 flights of stairs to safety.**
- **New York City Fire Department Chaplain Father Mychal Judge, lost his life at Ground Zero while offering last rights to another victim.**
- **While attempting to rescue others, 343 firemen and 60 police officers died during the attack on the World Trade Center Towers.**
- **Army Chief Warrant Officer Craig Sincock, despite losing his wife at the Pentagon, offered assistance to those he could aid at the scene. On Sept. 12, Sincock began acting as a grief counselor for others who had lost family members at the site.**
- **Passengers Todd Beamer, Tom Burnett, Mark Bingham and Jeremy Glick joined to overcome hijackers aboard Flight 93 that crashed in Pennsylvania. Beamer's final statement "Let's roll," has become a symbolic phrase since then.**



Canine rescue teams help firefighters search for survivors among the wreckage.



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MOVIES



Actress Julia Roberts wins her eighth People's Choice Award for favorite motion picture actress.



Hit movie "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" breaks box office records.



Academy Award-winning actor Russell Crowe claims a Golden Globe Award and an Academy Award nomination for his performance in "A Beautiful Mind." The movie is nominated for five Academy Awards.



ABC's "My Wife and Kids" and Damon Wayans win People's Choice Awards.



NBC's "The Weakest Link" puts a new edge on quiz show standards.



"Shrek" wins an Oscar nomination and the People's Choice Award for Favorite Motion Picture.



Jack Lemmon, an Academy and Emmy Award-winning actor, dies at age 76.



Professional soccer player Ethan Zohn is the $1million dollar winner of Survivor: Africa.



In honor of those involved in the events surrounding September 11, Hollywood actors and musicians combine efforts to produce "America: A Tribute to Heroes." The benefit, which was aired simultaneously and commercial-free by dozens of broadcast and cable networks, raised more than $100 million in donations.



Stars of the No. 1 rated show "Friends" agree to return for a ninth season in 2002-2003. Each cast member received a 33 percent salary increase bringing their wages to $1 million dollars per episode.



Actress Nicole Kidman wins a Golden Globe award for her musical performance in "Moulin Rouge." Kidman and "Moulin Rouge" were both nominated for Academy Awards.

other NEWS IN ENTERTAINMENT

- Soap star Kelly Ripa replaced Kathy Lee Gifford on "Live with Regis."
- Box office hit "Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Rings" earned 13 Academy Award nominations.
- Actress Winona Ryder was arrested for allegedly shoplifting $5,000 worth of clothing and accessories from Saks Fifth Avenue.
- Actors Kelsey Grammer and Ray Romano tied for favorite male television star at the annual People's Chocie Awards.
- The world bids farewell to Academy Award-winning actor Anthony Quinn.
- The 2001 Emmy Awards were postponed twice because of security concerns. The eventual winners were "The West Wing," "Sex and the City," "The Sopranos," "Everybody Loves Raymond" and "Will and Grace." Other popular shows were "ER," "CSI," "That 70's Show," "Smallville"and"Scrubs."
- Other popular movies were "Rush Hour 2," "Monsters, Inc.," "The Mummy Returns," "Jurassic Park III," "John Q" and " We Were Soldiers."



"Pearl Harbor" heart-throb Josh Hartnett furthers his career with his role in "Black Hawk Down."



Popular television star Carroll O'Connor dies at age 76.



The United Nations names actress Angelina Jolie its goodwill ambassador.



Hit television show "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" takes a bold step by producing a musical episode.

MUSIC



Favorite Album, Pop/Rock 'n Roll, is awarded to Destiny's Child for "Survivor" at the American Music Awards. They also won a Grammy for Best R&B Performance by a Duo/Group.



Jennifer Lopez says "I do" to dancer and choreographer Chris Judd just eight months after the announcement of her split from boyfriend of two years, Sean "P. Diddy" Combs.



Pop superstar Britney Spears makes her debut on the big screen in the movie "Crossroads." She also released her self-titled album, went on tour, performed in her "Live from Las Vegas" HBO special and dated 'N SYNC pop singer Justin Timberlake.



George Harrison, known as "The Quiet Beatle," dies at 58 of cancer. The death of John Lennon in 1980 leaves Paul McCartney and Ringo Starr as the only remaining Beatles.



Nelly wins Favorite Artist, Rap/Hip-Hop, at the American Music Awards.



Michael Jackson is named Artist of the Century at the 2002 American Music Awards.



Alicia Keys wins Favorite New Artist, Soul/Rhythm and Blues, and Favorite New Artist, Pop/Rock 'n Roll, at the American Music Awards. Keys also won five Grammys, including Song of the Year for "Fallin'."



Madonna tours the United States for the first time in eight years. Tickets sold for $250 each.



Linkin Park's "Hybrid Theory" is the best selling album and the song "Crawling" wins a Grammy.



Tim McGraw and wife Faith Hill win Favorite Male and Female Country Music Artist at the American Music Awards.

other NEWS IN MUSIC

- **Pop group 'N SYNC took the title Favorite Group/Band/Duo for Pop/Rock 'n Roll at the American Music Awards. In addition, they won a People's Choice Award for Favorite Musical Group.**
- **Bush's lead singer Gavin Rossdale and No Doubt's Gwen Stefani announced their engagement.**
- **Christina Aguilera, Mya, Lil' Kim, and Pink won a Grammy for Best Pop Collaboration "Lady Marmalade."**
- **U2 earned $109.7 million from their U.S. concert tour this year. They won Internet Artist of the Year at the American Music Awards and performed at the Superbowl XXXVI halftime show. They also won four Grammys.**
- **Garth Brooks received the Award of Merit at the American Music Awards.**
- **Movie soundtrack "O Brother, Where Art Thou" won five Grammys at the 2002 awards ceremony and was awarded Album of the Year.**
- **Other musicians who made headlines this year included Nelly Furtado, Outkast, Train, Staind, India.Arie, Lenny Kravitz, Lucinda Williams and Craig David.**



Janet Jackson wins Favorite Female, Pop/Rock, at the American Music Awards. She also won two Grammys.



Rising music and movie star Aaliyah dies in an airplane crash. She was 22.



Mariah Carey's first movie "Glitter" and its soundtrack are panned by critics and ignored by fans.

trends & TECHNOLOGY



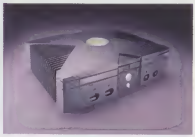
A new top-of-the-line iMac is introduced by Apple Computer. The redesigned computer has a floating 15-inch LCD flat screen, allowing users one-touch adjustment, a 700 MHz or 800 MHz PowerPC G4 processor, and the SuperDrive for playing and burning CDs and DVDs.



Cell phones in schools are considered a distraction and banned by some administrators.



The Intel Pentium 4 processor is the next evolution in desktop processing technology.



Microsoft's future generation video game system X-Box delivers the most powerful game experiences ever.



Handspring, Inc. introduces a handheld computer with a built-in cell phone.



Dusters, as worn here by actress Evan Rachel Wood, are a new trend in stores everywhere.



Reggae/pop superstar Shaggy wears his colored sunglasses, a hot trend for the year.



There is a different attitude in American culture this year for Halloween. A shift to the "hero concept" make firemen and policemen costumes the most popular choices among children.



After September 11, Americans unite and show their patriotism by wearing red, white and blue.

other NEWS IN TRENDS & TECHNOLOGY

- **Hewlett Packard and University of California scientists patented a process that will eventually develop a computer chip small enough to fit on the head of a pin.**
- **SONICblue unveiled its first hard drive-based portable music player, The Rio Riot, which holds up to 5,000 songs or 400 CDs worth of digital music.**
- **Glitter, sparkle and shimmer were found in makeup, nail polish, body lotion, hair gel and on clothing. Corduroy pants, studded belts, hoodies, vintage and unique cut jeans were also popular.**
- **A travel-size camera from Intel was designed to shoot Internet-ready photos and videos for easy upload.**
- **An electric toothbrush was a necessity when it came to serious dental hygiene.**
- **DVD players gained popularity and threatened to replace VCRs.**
- **From the court to the classroom, Adidas All Day All Night sneakers were the "cool kicks" for the year.**
- **Cell phone cases were a hot item to coordinate with an outfit.**



Claudia Schiffer shows off some hot trends: low-rise jeans, fat belts and tops with some sparkle.



Body and skin jewelry continue to be a "cool thing to do."



Flip-flops make a comeback. They were available in an assortment of funky colors and styles.



Boots that rise to the knee are in stores everywhere.

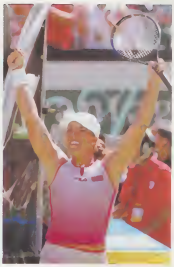
SPORTS



"His Airness" returns to the court after three years in retirement. Michael Jordan, 39, faced perhaps his toughest challenge in leading the Washington Wizards to the 2002 playoffs.



Barry Bonds sets a new Major League record for most home runs in a single season with 73.



Jennifer Capriati wins the French Open in 2001, then wins a second straight Australian Open in 2002.



The New England Patriots claim their first Super Bowl title with a win over the St. Louis Rams. A dramatic fourth-quarter field goal gave the Patriots a 20-17 victory.



During a game following the Sept. 11 tragedy, the football team at John R. Rogers High School in Spokane, Wash., proudly carries the American flag onto the field. This photo appeared in several major newspapers and was featured in Sports Illustrated.



Tiger Woods wins a fourth consecutive major, The Masters.



Venus Williams repeats as Wimbledon and U.S. Open Champion. In the U.S. Open finals, Venus defeated her sister Serena.



American cyclist Lance Armstrong claims his third consecutive Tour De France title in July.



With six victories and nearly $7 million in earnings, Jeff Gordon claims another Winston Cup Championship for the 2001 NASCAR season.



Lennox Lewis regains his World Boxing Council and International Boxing Federation heavyweight titles from Hasim Rahman in Las Vegas, in November.



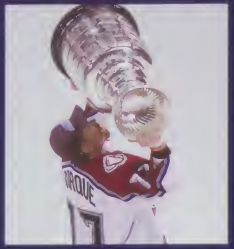
L.A. Laker Kobe Bryant earns MVP honors at the NBA All-Star Game, leading the West All-Stars over the East, 135-120.



The Arizona Diamondbacks win their first World Series crown, defeating the New York Yankees, champions in 1998, 1999 and 2000.



Dale Earnhardt, Jr. returns to Daytona in July to win an emotional Pepsi 400. Just five months earlier, a crash during the Daytona 500 took the life of his legendary father, Dale Earnhardt, Sr.



The Colorado Avalanche win the 2001 Stanley Cup, defeating the New Jersey Devils.



American snowboarding sensation Kelly Clark takes the United States' first gold medal in the Women's Half-Pipe Snowboarding competition at the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City.



Americans Ross Powers (gold), Danny Krass (silver), and Jarret Thomas (bronze) sweep the medals in Men's Half-Pipe Snowboarding at the 2002 Winter Olympics.



Anton Sikharulidze and Elena Berezhnaya of Russia and David Pelletier and Jamie Sale of Canada receive gold medals in Pairs Figure Skating. Initially given the silver medal, the Canadians were awarded gold after misconduct by a French judge was discovered.

other NEWS IN SPORTS

- **American Chris Witty took the gold in world record time in the Women's 1000-meter Speed Skating competition at the Winter Olympics.**
- **The United States earned 34 medals in the Winter Olympic Games in Salt Lake City, the most ever by the United States in the winter games.**
- **Third generation American Olympian Jim Shea captured the gold in the Men's Skeleton competition.**
- **The Miami Hurricanes won the Rose Bowl and their fifth NCAA Division I Football Championship with a decisive 37-14 victory over the Nebraska Cornhuskers. The Hurricanes' baseball team also won the College World Series 12-1 over Stanford in the final game.**
- **Pitcher Danny Almonte dominated Little League Baseball with an untouchable slider and grueling fastball. It was discovered at season's end that Almonte was 14 years old, two years over the league age limit.**
- **PGA star David Duval took home his first career major title, the 2001 British Open, in July.**

Almonte with the baseball Little Leaguers High School football image were supplied by Getty Images. Joe Rougier. North School Image courtesy of the Sacramento Bee.



The U.S. two-woman bobsled team of Vonetta Flowers and Jill Bakken win the gold medal.



Sixteen-year-old American Sarah Hughes shocks the world, winning the gold in Women's Figure Skating.



Casey Fitzrandolph takes the gold in the Men's 500-meter Speed Skating event.